

JOSH 3:11FF: Matt. 14:22-33: THE COURAGE TO GET YOUR FEET WET

There are times when God prepares the way _____ us and we can see our way clear – Ex. 14:21,22 – the Crossing of the Red Sea. However, there are other times when God will provide only _____ we take the first step of obedience.

Verse 16 says that the waters backed up to the City of Adam. This is some _____ miles north of where the children of Israel were crossing.

There's another illustration of the courage to get your feet wet in the NT – Matt. 14:22-33.

Some lessons about the timing of this call:

1. The challenge to get our feet wet may come during times of _____ – v. 24,25 – 3-6 a.m. Isa. 50:10 – NASB - Who is among you that fears the LORD, that obeys the voice of His servant, that walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

2. The challenge to get our feet wet leads us to more _____ in our lives.

In order to get your feet wet:

1. You must be willing to take a _____.

2. You must follow Christ – Remember that in the OT the Ark symbolized the presence of God. Josh 3:3,4 – “When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the Levitical priests carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. ⁴ Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before.” Matt. 14:28 - Peter - “is it you, Lord?” Make sure you're following _____!

3. You have to take the _____ step. God often waits for our obedience.

4. You have to have the _____ to follow Christ to what He has for you.

The promises to those who obey:

1. God's Word – Josh. 3:9 - Joshua said to the Israelites, “Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God.” The word “listen” means “to hear intelligently and be _____ to”.

Josh. 1:7,8 - “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸ Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”

2. God's presence 3:10 - ¹⁰ This is how you will know that the living God is among you and that he will certainly drive out before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and Jebusites.” Josh. 1:9 - “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Back to Peter: *The storm was still raging. (Matt. 14:30, 32).*

****Boat rules don't work out on the waves. RULES FOR WATER-WALKERS:**

1. Don't look at the _____ – v. 30
2. Don't listen to the boat people – “you'll sink”
3. Don't look at your _____ – spiritual pride. V. 29

4. *Keep your eyes on _____.*

Where will you keep your eyes this week--on the storm or on the Savior?