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- They had to face a challenge before they could face the challenge; obstacles in the way of overcoming obstacles.
- Sometimes it feels as if someone is complicating our lives unfairly.
- How do we handle the challenges of the new year when we are still dealing with issues from last year?

Take Immediate Action

- Joshua 3:1 - “Then Joshua rose early in the morning; and they set out from Acacia Grove and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they crossed over.”

Follow The Counsel Of Wise Leaders

- Joshua 3:2-3 - “So it was, after three days, that the officers went through the camp; 3 and they commanded the people, saying, ‘When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it.’”

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- God appointed leadership in the church, the home, and the government for a reason. Disobeying their authority is rebellion against God
 - Rom. 13:1-4 - “Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. 4 For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.”

Wait On The Lord

- Joshua 3:4 - “Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed this way before.”
- Psalm 27:14 - “Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!”

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- Psalm 37:9, 34 - “For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the LORD, They shall inherit the earth. 34 Wait on the LORD, And keep His way, And He shall exalt you to inherit the land; When the wicked are cut off, you shall see it.”
- Isa. 40:31 - “But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.”

Pursue Sanctification Daily

- Joshua 3:5 - “And Joshua said to the people, Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.”
- 1John 1:7-9 - “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Trust God's Promises

- Joshua 3:9-13
- What has He promised us? It is less important than He Who did the promising
 - Heb. 6:17-19 - “Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, 18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. 19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil”

Work Your Faith

- Joshua 3:14-17
- James 2:14-18
- Psalms 103:1-18