

## WHEN YOU CAN'T GET OVER JORDAN

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In the Old Testament we have the accounts of the Habiru wondering around in the wilderness for forty years. Why? Because they could not get their act together. They couldn't get the separate tribes together, they couldn't get rid of idol worship, they couldn't get past their enemies. They just could not get over the river Jordan and into what they saw as the promise land. They became discouraged and some even wanted to go back to slavery in Egypt. They were developing a negative narrative in their minds. Maybe they couldn't do it, maybe they shouldn't do it, perhaps it was Moses' fault.

There are sometimes in our lives when we can't get over Jordan either and we find ourselves wandering around in the wilderness too. Sometimes we are developing negative narratives in our minds that suggest we can't do, maybe we shouldn't do it. Maybe it is someone else's fault.

What finally got the Habiru over Jordan was the visualization of "a land of Milk and Honey." When you are in the desert wilderness as they were that was a powerful visualization which finally drew them together and got them to their vision.

One of the wondrous things of Creation is a creative mind capable of visualizing things that are not yet done but are doable and the ability to visualize what we want and to expand that vision and to adjust it to fit our time, place and physical resources.

The wondrous thing of living in democratic countries like the USA is that we have the freedom to accomplish our vision.

Think about this. Forty years in the wilderness trying to survive. Forty years because they couldn't agree on almost anything. Forty years until many of the older Habiru died because they could not embrace change. Forty years of chasing

after idols they hoped would make their lives better. Forty years of hoping these idols would somehow do it for them.

But after forty years they visualized success and with that vision and a clear mind in one year they got over Jordan and down into their envisioned homeland.

Why am I telling you this story?

Where is the wilderness in your life? Why can't you get over your Jordan? What's keeping you out of the promised land of success and happiness? What idols are you chasing? Drugs? Alcohol? Violence? Hate? Gold? Or is fear making you go back again and again into the slavery of your old mind.

What do you visualize? Is it fear or success? Is it failure or happiness. Is it more drugs or more wins? Is it another drink or another success? Is anger in your guts that steal away your self control. Are you forever looking back at where you came from or are you busy visualizing and exciting tomorrow?

When I was in my twenties someone asked me where I was going. My answer was, "I'm going to the promise land." Maybe that kept me from addictions and anger and violence. I doubt I had a clear vision of that promise land but it took away my fear and challenge me to keep moving forward and seeking the wonders of life. I challenged the old ways of counseling youth incarcerated, it challenged me to fight for equal rights in a place where that was not popular, it challenged me to see other place and other people ( traveling in 39 countries) it challenged me to build companies to raise and support my family. It challenged me to take on Mike and Pam's challenge here. I had hard times but my vision was to always see what was on the other side of Jordan, what wonders the creator had in store for me to discover. I wanted to see more of the creation aka the promise land.

Young people and old people get the hell out of the wilderness of fear, hate and self pity before the sands of time rob you of the wonder of an almighty creation that is alive and growing and evolving. Don't miss it, don't hide from your fears, change them into exciting action by visualizing your tomorrow. 'Because if nothing changes nothing changes.'

Think about this, If you give up the hates the fears the visions of yesterday guess what?

You have a clean slate, a blank piece of paper, you can write your own future and you can visualize whatever you want it to be, and you can add to it as you go along, ( never let fear of failure stop you because failure sometimes speeds up success by adjusting our vision.)

If you just can't get over your Jordan because you still don't grasp it the diagrams of Walking Through Walls will help.

Now Back to where we left those Habiru stranded in the wilderness. It wasn't sin that caused their problem, they didn't need their souls saved. They didn't need an alter call. And they didn't need promises of a cosmic afterlife on streets of gold. What they needed was an understanding of the power and purpose of the creator which was right there in front of them in the design of the world around them.

They needed a visualization of what was possible on the other side of the river Jordan. Not a cosmic vision of a heaven or an awful hell. They like our youth today needed a purpose to move from fear to freedom, from feeling lost to seeing everything that was possible when they moved forward to success and great joy in a creation that had unity of design and promise when in harmony with it (they would have called that unity with the will of Yahweh)

Forty wasted years, than one year to get there.

Stop wandering around lost in your own negativity and blindness and take our vision test.

Start writing down your vision of how you want your life forward to be

Start visualizing a smile on your face. How does it feel

Start visualizing success in something you want to do or be. Write down what it is and how you plan to do it.

Start visualizing your happy home.

Start visualizing being free of fear and doubt and how that feels

Start visualizing living with a clear mind that is alive with wonder

Start visualizing your eyes sparkling

Then *write your vision* down

If you will make the effort to do this and read out loud to yourself everyday for a hundred days and twice a week after that you'll find you are over your Jordan and in your promise land.