

## PRESS ON DURING TROUBLED WATERS

**FOCAL PASSAGE:** Joshua 3:13-16a

**BIBLICAL TRUTH:** God wants trust Him and press on even when things look tough.

**BUSINESS IMPACT:** Pressing on and trusting in the Lord will bring great rewards and assurance.

**Joshua 3:13-16a** *And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the Lord – the Lord of all the earth – set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap. 14. So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priest carrying the Ark of the Covenant went ahead of them. 15. Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water’s edge, 16. The water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away,*

Notice that God did not dry the water up and then they went across on dry land. The priest had to make the move forward and it wasn’t until their feet touched the water’s edge that the Jordan stopped flowing. Oh and look what the scriptures say the water was at its highest level!

God wants us to trust Him and His word. The natural thing to do would be to

stop and look for another way.

The priest could have spent days/months waiting for the water to go down or months building a bridge over the Jordan. Or they could do exactly what the Lord told them to do and that was to move forward no matter how tough or impossible forward may look.

We can trust God in our businesses today just like the priests trusted God back then and continue to move forward and allow Him to show us His strength and power that only He can do. And the next time we come upon trouble waters we will have more confidence and know that we serve a mighty God!

Hard times have a way of teaching us lessons that we refuse to learn in good times. That is the one university we all get to attend—tuition free.

—Clarence Thomas—

As sure as God ever puts His children into the furnace, He will be in the furnace with them.

—Charles H. Spurgeon—

**Pray**—That God will give you a level of trust and confidence even during high water, that you will move forward and allow Him to show you great rewards.