#### "CROSSING OVER" Series

Message #5 of 5

# "12 SMOOTH STONES"

God is moving us from our places of comfort to places of greater blessing so that His power and glory might take center stage, not us. Joshua 4:1, 4-9, 15-19, 24 July 28, 2019

"When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan ..." – v.1

### 1. CROSS OVER – FAITH

"The people hurried over and <u>crossed over</u> the Jordan." – v.3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 22, 23

• "Red rover, red rover, let Susie come over!"

"Just what the Lord had done to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we had <u>crossed over</u>." – v.23b

# 2. COME OUT - SEPARATE

"Come up out of the Jordan." – v.16, 17, 18, 19, 20

• "Come out, come out wherever you are!"

"Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you." – 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 6:17, Isaiah 52:11, Ezekiel 20:34, 41

### 3. PICK UP – DEDICATE

"Pick up a stone, in the middle of the Jordan ... to be a memorial." - v.5, 7

- "In the middle of the Jordan" right where, in the middle of your trial, trouble, condition ...
- Instead of always trying to get <u>OUT</u> of a challenge, see the Lord <u>IN</u> the challenge.

"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."  $-2^{nd}$  Corinthians 12:9

"We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." – Ephesians 2:10

## 4. <u>CUT OFF</u> – *COVENANT*

"Tell them that the waters of the Jordan were <u>cut off.</u>" – v.7a, 7b

- We are "cut-off" from our destination so God can deliver us
- And have been "cut off" from our past.

"The Lord did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful and so that you might always fear the LORD your God." – Joshua 4:24

Fear = reverence, awe, respect, honor, worship, adoration