

Dangerous Church / Faith in Action

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14-16 And that's what happened. The people left their tents to cross the Jordan, led by the priests carrying the Chest of the Covenant. When the priests got to the Jordan and their feet touched the water at the edge (the Jordan overflows its banks throughout the harvest), the flow of water stopped. It piled up in a heap—a long way off—at Adam, which is near Zarethan. The river went dry all the way down to the Arabah Sea (the Salt Sea). And the people crossed, facing Jericho.

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The problem ...

We are not dangerous until we move. We aren't a threat until we start doing something. I believe Satan wants to keep us bound, immobile, and inactive, ... "moving like pond water".

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- *Consecrated ; Set apart - **Ex 29***
- *Mind and spirit*
- *Sanctification does not equal pride*
- *Sanctification is not pimp walk, but humility*
- *Sanctification is not for me but for YOU*
- *Sanctification is for action nor passivity; Sanctification is work for work*
 - *They are going to have to work to cross the Jordan*
 - *They are going to have to work to circle Jerico for 6 days*
 - *They are going to work in the battle of Ai*

- *They are going to work in the battle against the 5 armies as the sun and the moon stand still*

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- **God says, "I'm going to lift you up in front of Israel"**
- **But Joshua says, NOTHING about self ... that's humility**
- **If we want to be dangerous, we must be humble**

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Read Chapter 4

- **Rev Freeman and his heart pillow**
- **My experience with Air Assault School**
- **Military has ribbons and medals**
- **Athletes have medals**
- **What do Christians have?**
 - **Those who forget history are destined to repeat it.**
 - **Make a memory not to brag, but to remember**
 - **Make a memory not to brag but to re-humble ourselves**