



MESSAGE SUMMARY

God still performs miracles today, but He chooses to do them *through* us. Just like the priests who had to step into the Jordan River before God parted the waters, we must take steps of faith before we see the supernatural. Signs don't go before us—they follow obedience. Often, what holds us back is fear of failure or looking foolish, but faith always requires risk. When we're willing to get our feet wet and step out, God moves through us in powerful, miraculous ways.

Questions & Responses:

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

If God hasn't changed, why do you think many people don't experience the same kind of miracles we read about in Scripture?

Potential Response:

Because God now works *through* His people, not apart from them. Many of us wait for God to move, but God is waiting for us to take a step of faith. When believers step out in obedience—pray, lay hands, serve, risk—God's power shows up.

Jesus said in Mark 16:17–18, “These signs will follow those who believe.”

What’s the difference between signs *following* us and us waiting for signs *before* we act?

Potential Response:

When we wait for proof or a miracle first, we’re walking by sight, not faith. But when we obey before seeing the outcome, that’s when the supernatural follows. God confirms His Word *after* we step out in obedience.

Why do you think God waited until the priests stepped into the Jordan River before parting the waters?

Potential Response:

Because God wanted them to trust Him beyond what they could see. The miracle required movement. It wasn’t enough to believe God could do it—they had to act on that belief. Faith isn’t proven on the shore; it’s proven when you get your feet wet.

What are some areas in your life where you might still be standing on the riverbank—waiting for God to move first?

Potential Response:

Maybe it’s praying for someone’s healing, sharing your faith with a friend, giving generously, or taking a step into a new ministry. God’s invitation is to step first and let Him part the waters.

The message said, “Faith is spelled R-I-S-K.”

Why do you think God often requires risk before revealing His power?

Potential Response:

Because risk exposes what we trust most—ourselves or Him. God’s power is released when we surrender control. Risk keeps our faith alive, dependent, and humble. Without risk, faith becomes theory instead of action.

Fear of failure often keeps us from stepping out.

Can you think of a time when you hesitated to obey God because you were afraid of looking foolish or being wrong? What happened—or what could have happened—if you had stepped out anyway?

Potential Response:

(Encourage honesty and reflection.) Most of us can recall a time when fear stopped us. But even when we “miss it,” God still honors our obedience. Sometimes what we see as failure, God sees as faith.