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2 Kings 4:1-7 “*4 A certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord. And the creditor is coming to take my two sons to be his slaves." 2 So Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" And she said, "Your maid servant has nothing in the house but a jar of oil." 3 Then he said, "Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors — empty vessels; do not gather just a few. 4 And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it into all those vessels, and set aside the full ones." 5 So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured it out. 6 Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." And he said to her, "There is not another vessel." So the oil ceased. 7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt; and you and your sons live on the rest. ""* 2 Kings 4:1-7, NKJV.

Here God was showing that He helps those who help themselves. He blesses those who want to be blessed. We need to plant seeds into the kingdom of God so that God can release our blessings.

Let's close all the loopholes of the devil into our lives especially the one of money (offerings, tithes etc)

Eph 4:27-28 “*27 nor give place to the devil. 28 Let him who stole steal no*



longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.” Eph 4:27-28, NKJV.

Praise and Worship: Pastor Martina Rathiyaya

Ps 121:1-3 “I will lift up my eyes to the hills — From whence comes my help? 2 My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth. 3 He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.” Psalm 121:NKJV.

MESSAGE OF THE DAY:

**“Crossing over” by Pastor Mboneni Rathiyaya,
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Scripture reading:

Josh 3:1-5 “Then Joshua rose early in the morning; and they set out from Acacia Grove and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they crossed over. 2 So it was, after three days, that the officers went through the camp; 3 and they commanded the people, saying, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it. 4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed this way before." 5 And Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders



among you.” NKJV.

Ex 19:10-11 “10 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes. 11 And let them be ready for the third day. For on the third day the Lord will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.” NKJV.

You may be asking yourself crossing over for what?

Let's examine what was happening to the Israelites. The bible says they crossed over the Jordan River. It was their way that God has set for them, they had to cross over to the land God promised to their forefathers. It was a land full of milk and honey.

You'll remember that even Joshua sent the spies to check out the land and they brought back a positive report, that it is a land full of milk and honey.

Before they could get to Jericho, they had to cross the Jordan River. The message says crossing over. You have to cross over. Because there is a place that God has predestined for you, things that God has predestined for you. You need to prepare yourself before you can cross over.

What is your Promised Land? You need to know what to do to be able to cross over your Red Sea. The bible says after the Israelites left Egypt God said stay here in the dessert. In front of them was the Red Sea, for them to escape from the Egyptians, they had to cross the Red Sea. You



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need to cross over. The question is how to cross over?

Who are your enemies? Everybody knows their enemies. You know what you are running away from. You know the witches and wizards that are behind you. You need to cross over.

I want to talk about preparation for cross over. You need to know what your problem is and what is troubling you. For some people their Red Sea is sicknesses and diseases, unemployment, curses etc. Some are employed but they can't see where their money is going. What is your Red Sea?

The Israelites knew their Red Sea and they enquired from God on how to cross over their Red Sea.

For some people, your Red Sea is sicknesses and diseases, curses, lack, poverty Etc. Some people are so cursed that they can't get married and even if they get married, it is so terrible that they end up going home.

Today you need to know how to walk through that curse, or through that Red Sea.

The Israelites knew their Red Sea, which was stopping them to enter their Jericho. What is stopping you to enter your Jericho? What is your Jericho?

The bible says Joshua stood up and spoke to the children of Israel. The



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bible tells us that they didn't just enter the water; they spent three days on the other side before they could cross over. What were they waiting for? They were preparing themselves against their enemies.

Josh 3:3 “*5 And Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you."*” NKJV.

What does this mean? For you and I to be able to cross over to our Promised Land we need to sanctify ourselves. We want to cross over but we are not sanctifying ourselves, not preparing ourselves. We want what is beyond Jordan River but we haven't sanctified ourselves.

Josh 3:3 “*3 and they commanded the people, saying, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it."*” NKJV.

“*you shall set out from your place and go after it.*” And follow the priests. How do you remove yourself if you have not sanctified yourself? You need to sanctify yourself and then stand up and follow. You need to remove yourself, stand up and sanctify yourself and follow.

Many a time we find people come to the prayer altar saying, “*Please pray for me, I am sick, I need a job etc*” but these people are not removing themselves, they are not following, they haven't sanctified themselves.

The word of God says you must stand up and follow the priests. Joshua says when you see the high priest carrying the Ark of the Covenant of



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the Lord, you must follow him, you must follow him, but you must sanctify yourself first.

If you follow them into the water without pulling up your trousers, you'll get wet. This is for people who will stand up and say, "*I don't want to die with this thing: sicknesses and diseases, curse etc*".

After you have **sanctified yourself** you must follow.

How do you follow: with your heart. My heart is in this place. If you don't follow by faith, you will be prayed for, your CV will be prayed for until it is torn apart. You must have faith in your heart, that I am healed, I am employed, I am married. The most important things is that you must follow in faith.

Verse 14; After the Israelites had believed, sanctified themselves and followed, "***14 So it was, when the people set out from their camp to cross over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people,***" Josh 3:14, NKJV.

Josh 3:14-17 "14 So it was, when the people set out from their camp to cross over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, 15 and as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest), 16 that the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap very far away at Adam, the city that is beside Zaretan. So the waters that went



down into the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, failed, and were cut off; and the people crossed over opposite Jericho. 17 Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry ground, until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan.” NKJV.

I want to tell you how to cross over your Jordan River, Red Sea.

If you read in Exodus, God says to Moses, tell the children of Israel to wash their clothes, what does this mean? That God knows that we are wearing dirty clothes. We are wearing dirty clothes.

God says I want to come down to Mount Sinai, I want to see the children of Israel face to face but they need to wash themselves. Our God is not a dirty God, He is a holy God. People refuse to remove their own things, like ancestral worship. If you don't throw these things away, you can't cross over the Jordan River, take it all off, wash your clothes, and sanctify yourself.

They followed in faith even though the Jordan River was full. When the high priest reached the river banks, he put his feet into the water and the bible says when the water felt the feet of the high priest which was mixed with the faith of the Israelites, the water separated and gave them a guard of honour.

You need to walk through your problem, your sicknesses and diseases etc



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The bible says when the high priests put their feet into the water; followed by the children of God who were full of faith it separated the water. Your faith plus the feet of the high priest must move that Jordan River, that Red Sea that is hindering your success.

The bible says the water stood in a heap. You need faith for this. The bible says you need to sanctify yourself. The high priest will not only use his feet.

The bible says you have already been told that your Promised Land is flowing with milk and honey. What is left is for you to have faith, so that when the high priest lays his hands on you, that Red Sea, that Jordan River must vanish.

Let me give you a testimony: Whilst I was in Johannesburg, my brother phoned and told me "*Brother, I am dying, my colleagues are carrying me to hospital but I can feel that I am dying.*" I drove from Roodepoort and when I got to the hospital the doctors said we are still busy with X-rays. I then sent a message to some of my prayer partners on what's up. Let me tell you what's up saved my brother's life. My prayer partners started to intercede.

Later the doctors said they had eliminated everything and said "*We think he is suffering from appendicitis*". My prayer partners on what's up continued praying. When I informed them of the doctors' diagnosis their response was "*No operation, if they operate your brother will die!*" My younger brother is a boy who believes in God. I was still waiting for (high priest) Tshifhe to come back from the mountain. That was my



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understanding that he was on the mountain.

Finally I got hold of the high priest; the boy was on the bed from morning until after past four because he could not move. When he moved he would scream as he was feeling a lot of pain.

The high priest said "*Let me talk to him, I will pray for him*". I don't know what the high priest said to him, all I could hear from behind me was a huge scream "*Thank you Jesus, I am healed*" When he was doing this he was not lying on the bed, he was jumping up and down, thanking God "*Thank you Jesus. Thank you Jesus, I won't be operated on*"

He told me "*When the high priest was praying for me, I felt something hit the top of my head and it went down my body straight to where the pain was and I was instantly healed. This is the God of Israel.*"

The problem is that we are still mixing ourselves up: when faced with problems we go to our neighbour: Go and tell God. We talk too much. Tell God; "*Circumcise my tongue, so that I can only speak life.*"

What is your Promised Land? My Promised Land is good health, success, what I touch with my hand must become successful, what I touch with my hand must become gold. No sicknesses and diseases, no poverty, no broken marriages in the Promised Land. We have been promised all the good things.

Sanctify yourself, wash it all away: jealousy, talking too much, take it off and follow in faith.



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Now you know why you are not getting healed, no breakthrough, why you don't get what you desire, because you have not sanctified yourself.

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