

CONSECRATE BEFORE CROSSING

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**Joshua told the people,
“Consecrate yourselves, for
tomorrow the LORD will do amazing
things among you.”**

— Joshua 3:5 (NIV)



PRAY

- Thank God for an answered prayer this week.
- As a new year starts, ask God to search your heart and help you set yourself apart for Him.



MEDITATE

Engage

Start the conversation with this question...

When you're about to start something important, what helps you feel prepared?

Key Points

Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- Before stepping into what God has promised, He calls us to prepare our hearts.
- **Consecration means being set apart for God.** We turn away from what's unclean, or anything that pulls us off course, and humble ourselves for God to work in us.
- **Consecration means seeking God first.** Before crossing into the Promised Land, God told His people to seek Him first. We consecrate ourselves by praying, meditating, proclaiming His truth, and being in fellowship with other believers who encourage us to follow Jesus.
- **Consecration prepares us to walk by faith.** When our focus is on God, we're able to obey Him and step forward—even when the path is unclear. Our faith grows as we keep our eyes on Jesus and trust Him to lead.
- When we consecrate ourselves to God, we move forward with expectant faith—empowered by the Spirit and strengthened to face what's ahead.

Discuss Together (*pick at least one*)

- What does it look like to “set yourself apart” for God in everyday life?
- How have prayer, God’s Word, or community helped you stay focused on Jesus?
- Are there any distractions you might need to let go of to help you connect more with God this year?
- What’s one step you’d like to take to seek God more intentionally this season?



PROCLAIM

Declare this truth based on your identity in Christ

Key Truth

In Christ, I humbly set myself apart for God and walk by faith into what He has promised.

Pray Together (*pick at least one*)

- Thank God for His faithfulness and promises.
- Ask Him to cleanse your heart and help you consecrate yourself before Him.
- Pray for each other’s prayer requests.

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“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

— Matthew 6:33 (NIV)