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Joshua 3 & 4



Early in the morning Joshua and all the Israelites set out from Shittim and went to the Jordan



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Joshua 3

“Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give them.”

(1:2)



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Now the Jordan River is at flood stage all during harvest



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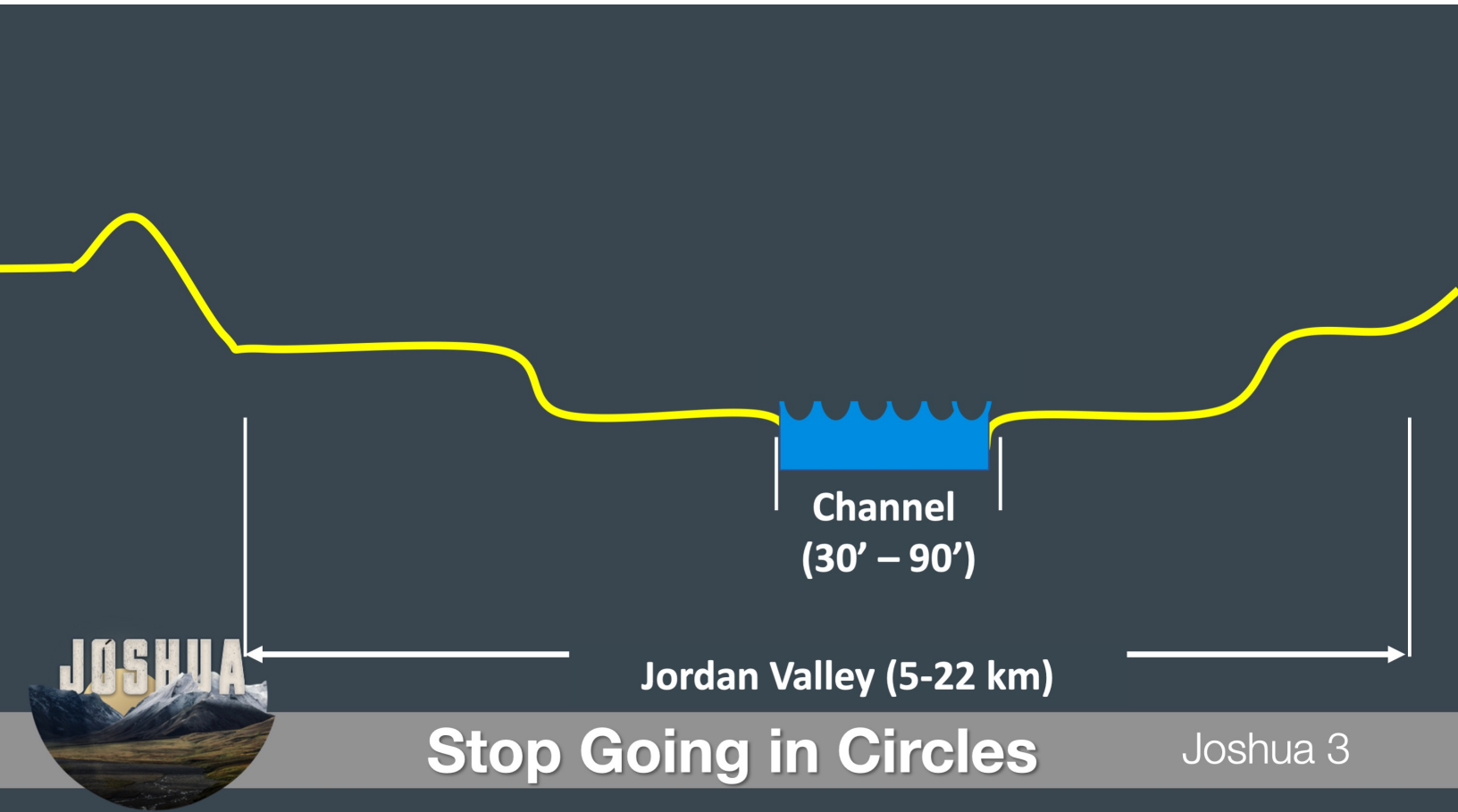
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Jordan Valley (5-22 km)

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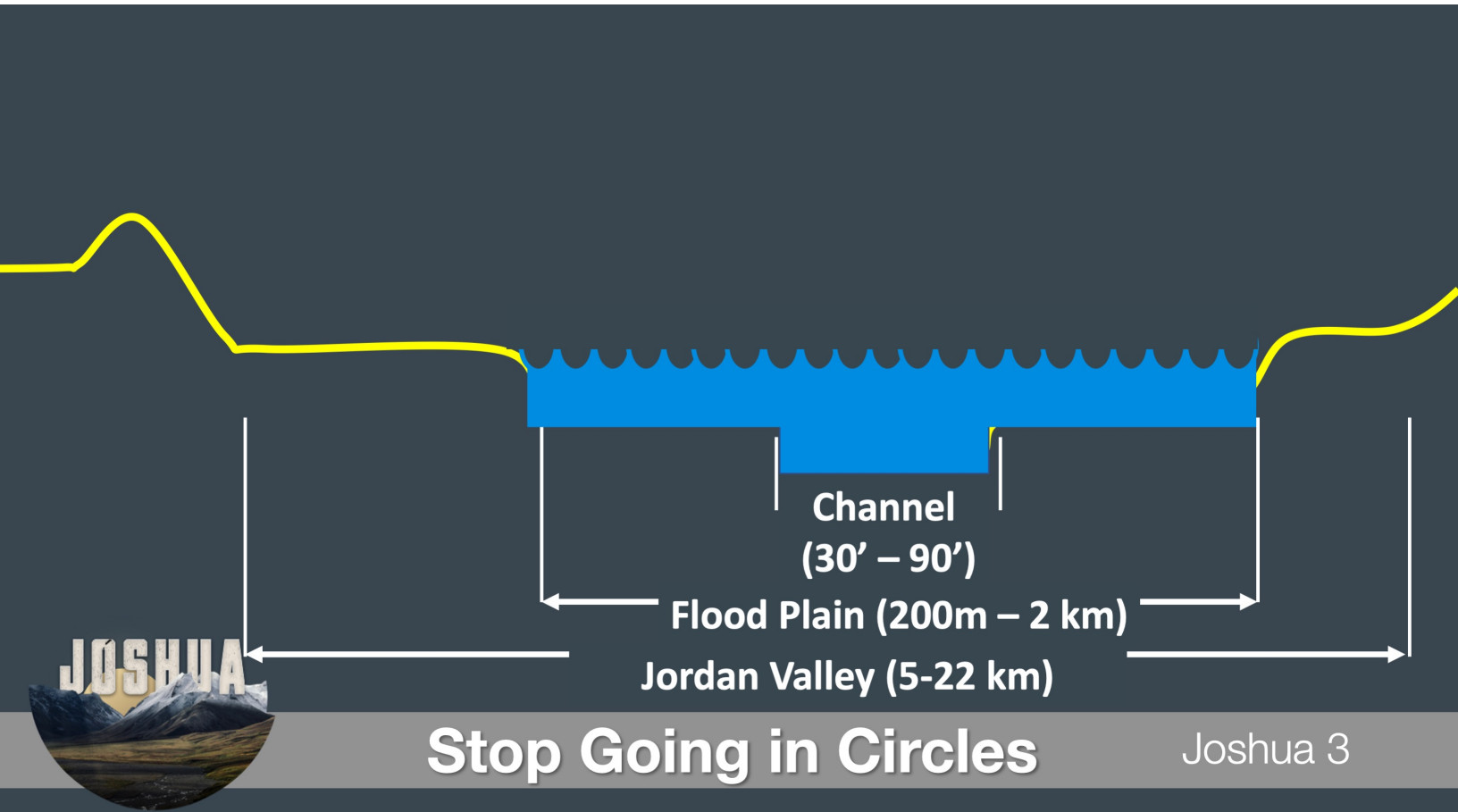
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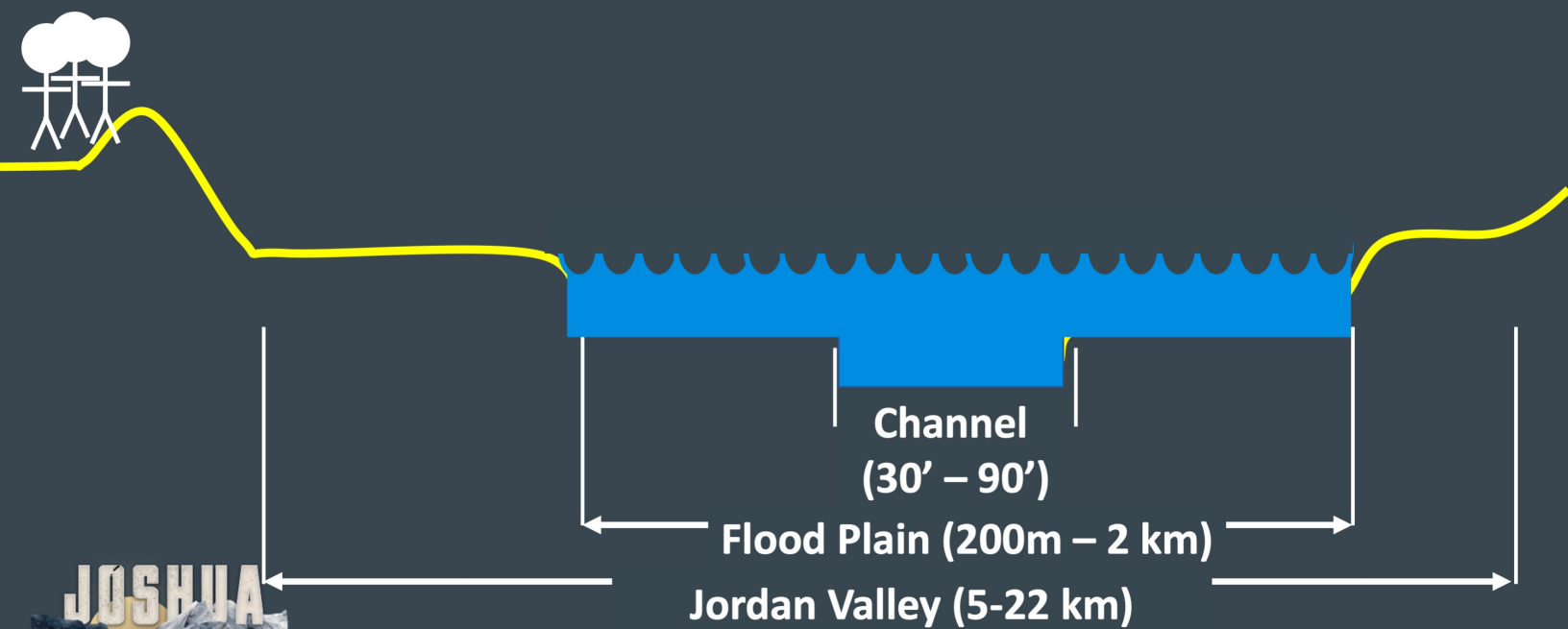
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(30' - 90')

Jordan Valley (5-22 km)

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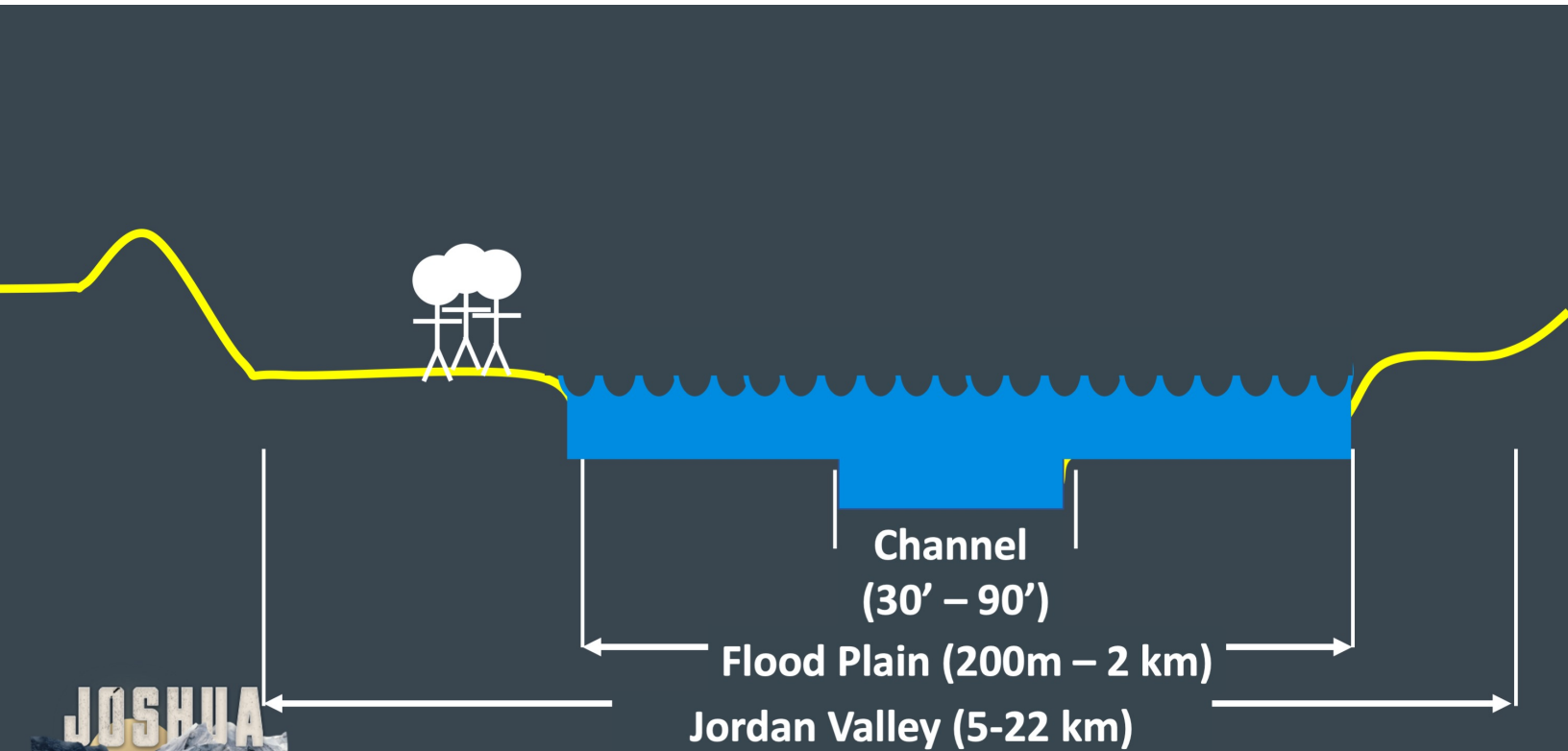
Flood Plain (200m – 2 km)

Jordan Valley (5-22 km)

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As I was with Moses, so I will be with you.”

(1:5)



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“When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God ... follow it.”



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“When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God ... follow it ...

Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before.”



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1. Let God Lead

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Are you a back-seat driver?



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1. Let God Lead

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



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1. Let God Lead

And the Lord said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes and be ready for the third day, because that day the Lord will come down ...

(Exodus 19)



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1. Let God Lead

*Come near to God and he will come near to you.
Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your
hearts, you double-minded.*

(James 4:8)



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1. Let God Lead

You're not ready to get out of the wilderness until you're ready to get the wilderness out of you



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1. Let God Lead

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders, and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus...

(Hebrews 12:1,2)



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1. Let God Lead

God to Josh: *"Today you will be exalted ..."*



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God to Josh: *“Today you will be exalted ...”*

Josh to people: *“Today you will see the living
God among you.”*



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1. Let God Lead

I only see my problems as the big thing when I see myself as the central thing



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1. Let God Lead

- Consecration of Yourself
- Focusing on Him
- Taking a Step



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These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever ...



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Joshua 4

These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever ...

Gilgal = “circle”



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Joshua 4

2. Remember Your Story

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2. Remember Your Story

What shall we say then, in response to all these things?



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2. Remember Your Story

What shall we say then, in response to all these things? If God is for me, who can be against me?



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2. Remember Your Story

What shall we say then, in response to all these things? If God is for me, who can be against me? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, give us all things?”



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2. Remember Your Story

The greatest enemy of faith
is forgetfulness



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2. Remember Your Story

When we forget we let
grudges ... worries ... 'issues'
live rent free in our heads



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2. Remember Your Story

Sundays @ Ellerslie:

- Point ourselves to our Real Story
- Know how we're called and empowered to live in the Real Story
- Realize one step I need to take this week



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2. Remember Your Story

I don't need to *discover* God's plan for me; I need to *remember* it ...
& live in light of it



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2. Remember Your Story

It will change your line:
from “I have to”
to “I get to”



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