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Walk for Life

- 2022 Theme: **“Equality Begins in the Womb”**
- Roe v Wade legalized abortion 1973
- 63 million infants killed
- Join the Walk for Life today at 2:00 pm
- Starting at Mercy Hospital

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 - The Living God opens 'A new Way! A new Day!'

1 Corinthians 10:1-12

Joshua 3

- What Expectation!!
- Across from the Promised Land
- Moses' long goodbye – Deuteronomy
- “The River is rising!”

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3:6 And Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, “Take up the ark of the covenant and cross over ahead of these people.”

3:10 “By this you shall know that the living God is among you, and that He will assuredly dispossess from before you the Canaanite...”

3:17 “And the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan while all Israel crossed...”

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- 4:4-5 God's *difficult* guidance
 - Obey God's Plain Leading
 - Heb 10:5 Jesus 'I delight to do Thy will, O God'

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- John 7:17
- “If anyone is willing to do His will, then he will know of My teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself.”
- ***Want to know My direction, for you? Be willing to do My will, and you will be told.***

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- 4:6-8 God's Ark of the Presence
 - **Stay in God's Presence!**
 - Galations 5:25 'If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit'
 - Jesus again our example: He often went out alone to be in His Father's presence.

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- 4:10-18 The amazing priests with the Ark!
 - Suddenly, the river is flowing again.
 - God's intention that we Remember!

“According to all Moses commanded”

- Deut 4 – ‘Remember’
- Deut 5 – Sabbath, to ‘remember’
- Deut 6 – ‘Remember’
- Deut 8 – ‘Remember’
- Deut 11 – ‘Remember’
- Deut 27 – ‘Remember’
- Deut 28 – ‘Obey the Living God!’

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- **Trust God's Precise Timing**
- God's *appointed time* (*kairos*)
 - OT: Abraham, Jeremiah 29
 - NT: Zach, Mary
 - 'at the right time, Christ died (Rom 5)

Joshua 4:20-24

- Why 'stones of remembrance'?

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- **Testify of God's Powerful Faithfulness**
 - For the Israelites
 - For their Children & Grandchildren
 - For the entire World
- 1 Samuel 7:12 Ebenezer – 'Stone of help'

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- Have I come to the Jordan?
 - Listen to His *practical* Word
 - Obey His *plain* leading
 - Stay in His *Presence*
 - Trust His *precise* timing
 - Testify of His *powerful* faithfulness
- You have stones! Where? Who?