

CARRY HIS PRESENCE

7 DAYS OF PRIESTLY POSTURE
IN A NEW SEASON



DAY 1 — CARRY HIS PRESENCE

“Meanwhile, the priests who were carrying the Ark of the LORD’s Covenant stood on dry ground in the middle of the riverbed as the people passed by. They waited there until the whole nation of Israel had crossed the Jordan on dry ground.” Joshua 3:17

The priests crossed the Jordan carrying the Ark which was the visible representation of God’s presence with them. This is important because new seasons can tempt us to rely on our own strength. We may assume that our experience, relationships, resources, intelligence or previous successes are sufficient for where God is taking us.

“... No one will succeed by strength alone.” 1 Samuel 2:9

Scripture reminds us that human strength has limitations. Life is spiritual and if we choose to address the issues of life based on our strength alone, we’re already on the back foot. The priests could stand in the Jordan because they were carrying something greater than themselves. Likewise, what sustains us in a new season will not simply be our competence but our dependence on God’s wisdom, direction and strength. All these come with His presence.

“Trust in and rely confidently on the LORD with all your heart And do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know and acknowledge and recognize Him, And He will make your paths straight and smooth [removing obstacles that block your way]. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD [with reverent awe and obedience] and turn [entirely] away from evil.” Proverbs 3:5-7 AMP

The greater the territory, the more conscious we should become of Who we are carrying. Don’t enter the new season saying, “I know how to do this.” Enter saying, “Holy Spirit, I need You to show me how.”

Reflection: Have I become more dependent on God as my responsibilities have increased—or more dependent on myself?

Prayer: Father, thank You for bringing me into new territory. Keep me conscious that I cannot fulfil Your assignment in my own strength. Teach me to carry Your presence into every place You send me.



DAY 2 — DON'T CARRY ALONE

“Meanwhile, the priests who were carrying the Ark of the LORD’s Covenant stood on dry ground in the middle of the riverbed as the people passed by. They waited there until the whole nation of Israel had crossed the Jordan on dry ground.” Joshua 3:17

Notice something easily overlooked: priests, plural, carried the Ark. God did not design the burden to rest on one person. There are seasons when what God entrusts to us becomes too weighty to carry alone. This is why relationships matter. We need people around us who understand what we are carrying and are committed to carrying God’s purposes with us.

“Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed... A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.” Ecclesiastes 4:9, 12

The right network is not just about access or opportunity. It is also about spiritual stability. When your strength weakens, someone else remains strong. When your perspective becomes clouded, someone else helps you see clearly. When you are tempted to abandon the assignment, someone reminds you what God said.

“As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.” Proverbs 27:17

Entering a new season may therefore require evaluating your relationships. Who can carry with you? Who understands the weight of the assignment? Who strengthens your obedience rather than competing with it? Some things God has called us to carry are simply too important to carry alone.

Reflection: Who are the people God has positioned around me to help carry the weight of this season?

Prayer: Father, give me discernment to recognise the people You have assigned to walk with me. Surround me with people who strengthen my faith, sharpen my discernment and help me faithfully carry what You have entrusted to me.



DAY 3 — GOING AHEAD OF OTHERS

“Meanwhile, the priests who were carrying the Ark of the LORD’s Covenant stood on dry ground in the middle of the riverbed as the people passed by. They waited there until the whole nation of Israel had crossed the Jordan on dry ground.” Joshua 3:17

The priests did not stand safely on the riverbank or watch from the sidelines. They went ahead of everyone else and stood in the middle of the Jordan. Sometimes God calls us to step into a new thing before there is evidence that it will work. This means that there will be times there’s no template for what we want to do. We have to walk and work through the uncertainty first to see and experience what God has promised.

“You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and I have appointed and placed and purposefully planted you, so that you would go and bear fruit and keep on bearing, and that your fruit will remain and be lasting, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name [as My representative] He may give to you.” John 15:16 AMP

The priests did something remarkable when they stepped forward to trigger the miracle of the dry ground. But they still had to maintain their position in the middle of what had previously been an overflowing river. There are moments when priesthood looks less like movement and more like standing faithfully where God positioned you. Especially when you’ve been positioned in the unfamiliar to pave the way for others.

“I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.” Ephesians 3:16

Your obedience may create a pathway through which others eventually walk. What feels lonely today may become a road for many tomorrow. So don’t despise the difficulty of being first. If God positioned you there, He will give you grace to stand there.

Reflection: Where has God called me to pioneer rather than simply follow an established path?

Prayer: Father, give me courage to go first when You call me forward. Strengthen me to stand in difficult places and remain faithful when the path is unfamiliar. May my obedience create pathways for others



DAY 4 — WAIT UNTIL IT'S COMPLETE

“The priests who were carrying the Ark stood in the middle of the river until all of the LORD’s commands that Moses had given to Joshua were carried out... when everyone was safely on the other side, the priests crossed over with the Ark of the LORD...” Joshua 4:10-11

The priests stayed in the Jordan until everyone was safely across. Imagine the endurance required to do this. Millions were crossing while the priests remained standing in one place carrying the Ark. They could not decide that enough people had crossed and they couldn’t leave because they were tired. They had to remain until the assignment was complete.

“Give the LORD no rest until he completes his work, until he makes Jerusalem the pride of the earth.” Isaiah 62:7

“The LORD will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O LORD, endures forever...” Psalms 138:8

Sometimes we celebrate partial fulfilment too quickly. God answers one prayer and we assume the process is finished. One door opens and we stop pressing forward. We see the first evidence of the promise and become satisfied. But priestly endurance says, “I will stand until everything God instructed has been completed.”

“I am the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end,” says the Lord God...” Revelation 1:8

There may be promises you have been carrying for years. Some have begun to materialise while others still appear unfinished. Don’t abandon your position prematurely. God is not only the Author of what He promised, He is the Finisher. Wait until the whole thing crosses.

Reflection: Where am I tempted to settle for partial fulfilment when God has promised more?

Prayer: Father, give me endurance to remain faithful until Your purposes are complete. Keep me from settling for partial fulfilment. Strengthen me to stand until everything You have spoken concerning my life comes to pass.

DAY 5 — STAY IN YOUR LANE

“...Meanwhile, the people hurried across the riverbed...” Joshua 4:10

Imagine standing in the middle of the Jordan watching everyone else move ahead of you. They were reaching the promised land while the priests were still standing in the river. It would have been easy to think, Everyone is progressing except me. But the priests understood something important: their assignment was different.

“...But they are only comparing themselves with each other, using themselves as the standard of measurement. How ignorant!” 2 Corinthians 10:12

Comparison becomes dangerous when we measure our obedience against someone else's movement. Someone may get there before you because God gave them a different instruction. So it's critical that we understand that the speed of others is not evidence that you are behind.

“The LORD directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives.” Psalms 37:23

“But I am trusting you, O LORD, saying, “You are my God!” My future is in your hands...” Psalms 31:14-15

There is no fear of missing out when you trust the One directing your steps, knowing that He has a plan for your life and He delights in perfecting everything that concerns us. The priests did not abandon the Ark to catch up with the crowd. They remained where God had positioned them. Sometimes faithfulness means watching other people move while God tells you to stand. Don't allow someone else's progress to make you prematurely leave your place of obedience.

Reflection: Am I allowing someone else's progress to make me question God's instructions for my life?

Prayer: Father, deliver me from comparison and distraction. Give me confidence in the path You have designed for me. Help me remain faithful to my assignment even when others appear to be moving faster.



DAY 6 — MOVE ON INSTRUCTION

““Command the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant to come up out of the riverbed.” So Joshua gave the command. As soon as the priests carrying the Ark of the LORD’s Covenant came up out of the riverbed and their feet were on high ground, the water of the Jordan returned and overflowed its banks as before.” Joshua 4:16-18

The priests did not decide when they had stood long enough. God told Joshua, Joshua commanded the priests and then they moved. This is one of the disciplines we need when transitioning into new seasons: learning not only to obey God’s instruction to go, but also His instruction to stay regardless of what we see or how we feel.

“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.” Romans 8:14

“The LORD leads with unfailing love and faithfulness all who keep his covenant and obey his demands.” Psalms 25:10

Sometimes circumstances seem to suggest it is time to move. Emotion says move. Opportunity says move. Other people say move. But what is the Holy Spirit saying? The same God who tells us when to step into the Jordan also knows exactly when we should step out. Notice what happened when the priests obeyed. As soon as their feet reached high ground, the waters returned. Their timing mattered.

“...Show me where to walk, for I give myself to you. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. May your gracious Spirit lead me forward on a firm footing.” Psalms 143:8, 10

In a new season, don’t allow urgency to replace discernment. Before making the next move, ask: “Holy Spirit, is this Your instruction—or simply my reaction to what I see?”

Reflection: Is there somewhere I am preparing to move without first receiving God’s instruction?

Prayer: Holy Spirit, sharpen my ability to hear You. Deliver me from decisions driven by pressure, impatience, fear or emotion. Teach me to move when You say move and remain when You say remain.



DAY 7 — KEEP PUTTING GOD FIRST

“Seven priests will walk ahead of the Ark, each carrying a ram’s horn. On the seventh day you are to march around the town seven times, with the priests blowing the horns. So Joshua called together the priests and said, “Take up the Ark of the LORD’s Covenant, and assign seven priests to walk in front of it, each carrying a ram’s horn.”” Joshua 6:4, 6

The priests finally crossed the Jordan, but their assignment wasn’t over as there was another obstacle ahead: Jericho. Once again, the priests were positioned at the front. This teaches us an important truth about transition: crossing into the promise is not the same as possessing it.

“Therefore David inquired again of God, and God said to him, “You shall not go up after them; circle around them, and come upon them in front of the mulberry trees.” I Chronicles 14:14

The Jordan required one strategy, but Jericho required another. This is why we must continue carrying God’s presence and listening for His instructions even after a breakthrough. Yesterday’s strategy may not be today’s instruction. Sometimes we become less spiritually dependent after God gives us what we prayed for. But the priests show us the opposite posture is necessary for continued success in life. We also see this in David’s life where he consistently consulted God for a fresh strategy and blueprint before every engagement even though he was an experienced warrior.

“A man’s heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.” Proverbs 16:9

They crossed the Jordan carrying His presence—and approached Jericho carrying His presence. Priesthood doesn’t end when the miracle happens. When we keep the Holy Spirit ahead of us, we give Him room to reveal the strategy for each new challenge. He determines the timing, direction and method. The God who brought you into the new season also knows how to teach you to possess it.

Reflection: Have I remained as dependent on God’s direction after my breakthrough as I was while waiting for it?

Prayer: Father, thank You for every Jordan You have brought me across. As I enter new territory, keep me dependent on Your presence. Holy Spirit, go ahead of me and give me the strategy for every Jericho I encounter. Help me not merely enter what You promised, but faithfully possess everything You have assigned to me.



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