

Power Along the Way...

Welcome to our Summer and Harvest 2017 issue of 'Crosstalk'! I wonder what comes to your minds when thinking about these seasons? It's difficult to get my mind past the increasingly-close dates of camps and holidays. As to harvest, it's also hard not to picture piles of cans on the chancel steps - they'll be on the hall stage this year, I imagine!

How many of you thought of a river in full flood? Not the classic harvest image but, if you turn to Joshua 3, you will find God's people, still on the move, camped by the river Jordan. God tells them to cross it - in full flood - during harvest time.

The really tricky thing is that, whilst God promises the miraculous, He also says that the miraculous isn't going to happen until they've got their feet in the water. The incredible occurs, but not until the people are on their way in the direction that God has sent them.

The same thing happens with Jesus as ten people with leprosy come and seek Him out for healing. The healing doesn't happen until they're on their way, as instructed, to the priests (Luke 17.11-19).

We too are on our way, and we've seen God providing for that journey in so many ways. However, as with the ten men, I wonder if we've fallen into the attitude of the nine who continued on their way, rather than the thankfulness of the one who turned back to thank Jesus first?

Harvest is a great time to celebrate and give thanks for ALL God's grace and provision as we continue to move with Him into new seasons.

Have a great summer.

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