

CONSECRATE FOR A CROSSING

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A dramatic photograph of a lighthouse with a red lantern room and a yellow body, standing firm amidst a massive, crashing white wave. The sky is dark and stormy, creating a powerful and awe-inspiring scene. The lighthouse is positioned in the center of the frame, slightly to the left, with the wave's crest reaching high above it.

‘ CONSECRATE ’



1. The Word:


Exodus 3:7 Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of My people in Egypt, and have heard them crying out because of their oppressors, and I know about their sufferings. 8 I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and to bring them from that land to a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the territory of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites. 9 The Israelites’ cry for help has come to Me, and I have also seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.

Joshua 1:1-9 Encouragement of Joshua

1 After the death of Moses the LORD's servant, the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, who had served Moses: 2 "Moses My servant is dead. Now you and all the people prepare to cross over the Jordan to the land I am giving the Israelites. 3 I have given you every place where the sole of your foot treads, just as I promised Moses... 5 No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. I will be with you, just as I was with Moses. I will not leave you or forsake you. 6 "Be strong and courageous, for you will distribute the land I swore to their fathers to give them as an inheritance. 7 Above all, be strong and very courageous to carefully observe the whole instruction My servant Moses commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right or the left, so that you will have success wherever you go.

8 This book of instruction must not depart from your mouth; you are to recite it day and night so that you may carefully observe everything written in it. For then you will prosper and succeed in whatever you do. 9 Haven't I commanded you: be strong and courageous? Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."



A dramatic photograph of a lighthouse with a red lantern room and a yellow body, standing firm amidst a massive, crashing wave. The water is white with foam, and the sky is dark and stormy. The lighthouse is positioned in the center-left of the frame, appearing small against the scale of the wave.

What is this in your
life? In our Church?



2. God's heart in this season:

Joshua 3 Crossing the Jordan

3 Joshua started early the next morning and left the Acacia Grove with all the Israelites. They went as far as the Jordan and stayed there before crossing. 2 After three days the officers went through the camp 3 and commanded the people: "When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God carried by the Levitical priests, you must break camp and follow it. 4 But keep a distance of about 1,000 yards between yourselves and the ark. Don't go near it, so that you can see the way to go, for you haven't traveled this way before." 5 Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, because the LORD will do wonders among you tomorrow." 6 Then he said to the priests, "Take the ark of the covenant and go on ahead of the people."

So they carried the ark of the covenant and went ahead of them.

<< priests carrying the ark of the covenant, stand in the Jordan >>

9 Then Joshua told the Israelites, “Come closer and listen to the words of the LORD your God.” 10 He said: “You will know that the living God is among you and that He will certainly dispossess before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites 11 when the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth goes ahead of you into the Jordan. 12 Now choose 12 men from the tribes of Israel, one man for each tribe. 13 When the feet of the priests who carry the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, come to rest in the Jordan’s waters, its waters will be cut off. The water flowing downstream will stand up in a mass.”

14 When the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carried the ark of the covenant ahead of the people. 15 Now the Jordan overflows its banks throughout the harvest season. But as soon as the priests carrying the ark reached the Jordan, their feet touched the water at its edge 16 and the water flowing downstream stood still, rising up in a mass that extended as far as Adam, a city next to Zarethan. The water flowing downstream into the Sea of the Arabah (the Dead Sea) was completely cut off, and the people crossed opposite Jericho. 17 The priests carrying the ark of the LORD's covenant stood firmly on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, while all Israel crossed on dry ground until the entire nation had finished crossing the Jordan.

A dramatic photograph of a lighthouse with a red lantern room and a yellow body, standing on a rocky outcrop. It is being completely surrounded by a massive, white, churning wave that appears to be crashing over it. The sky is dark and stormy. The overall mood is one of intense struggle and resilience.

Three things for us:

1. Follow His presence:

V3 “When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God - you must break camp and follow it.”

Share and testimony -



2. Consecrate:

V5 “Consecrate yourselves, because the LORD will do wonders among you tomorrow.”

Definition I Something that is set apart or dedicated

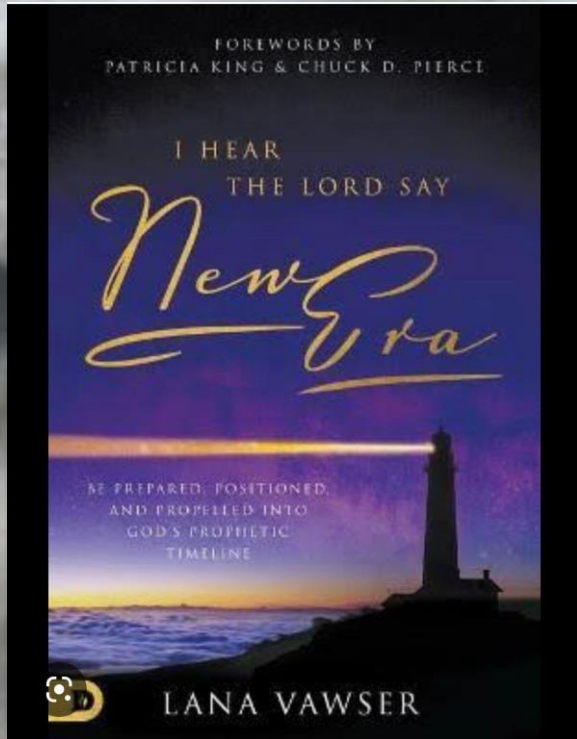
In the Biblical context the word consecration means “the separation of oneself from things that are unclean, especially anything that would contaminate one’s relationship with a perfect God.”

Strong’s Definition: *nezer* | *nêzer* neh'-zer, nay'-zer From H5144; properly something set apart, that is, (abstractly) dedication (of a priest or Nazirite); hence (concretely) unshorn locks; also (by implication) a chaplet (especially of royalty): - consecration, crown, hair, separation.

The Blood and Sacrifice of Jesus
Testimonies

A dramatic photograph of a lighthouse with a red lantern room and a yellow body, standing amidst a massive, crashing wave. The wave is a towering wall of white foam and grey water, completely surrounding the lighthouse. The sky is dark and stormy. The overall mood is one of intense power and resilience.

What is it to YOU?



This is the era of the second yes, where the Lord is calling us to lay ourselves on the altar again. This is the era when the fire of God is going to fall in

intensity and where those who embrace His correction, His purifying and His alignments, will carry the fire like never before.

There

will also be a coming out of things that aren't *sin*, but are part of the call to consecration from the Lord.

There is a *going against the grain* that is going to fall upon many in this new era in greater ways. Hear me when I say this—I am not talking about going against Scripture or going out and doing crazy or goofy things. I am talking about areas of your life where the Lord will call you to be *set apart* for Him to make room for Him and to camp around His presence. It may be that He says not to walk through doors that are open; it may be that the Lord says “We are going in a different direction”; it may be a conviction to not do things or go to certain places you used to go to. I am not talking areas of sin, we have talked above about the conviction of the Lord to come out of areas of sin. What I am talking about here is a letting go and rearranging things to make room for Him to come



—an even greater, intentional focus on Him.

You are setting up camp around His presence, where He is moving, and where He is leading. You may lose friends over your obedience to the Lord; you may lose favor with people, and people may look at you and say “Why are you doing that? You’re crazy.” You are obeying the call to consecrate yourself to the Lord by moving only where He is moving. Many may stand on the sidelines and call you religious, but you are actually moving against the grain with the Lord into new frontiers and you bow only to the fear of God and not the fear of man. I want to encourage you —if you lose friends or lose favor with



The way that God is going to reveal Himself, the way that we are going to see Jesus in His majesty is going to bring the Church to a place where you must decide. As Bobby Conner says below: “God is about to reveal Himself in such a manner that He will demand our full attention.”

That puts to language exactly what I feel. What we are going to see in this new era in the revelation of His majesty is going to demand all of us, our full attention. The Lord is calling us to that deep place of consecration for “*tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you*” (Josh. 3:5).



3. It's a NEW WAY

V4 “...for you haven't traveled this way before.”

The consecrated, those wholly set upon Him, His presence and His lead, WILL be lead into the promised land.

→ Be humble and open





COMMUNION

LET'S PRAY

