

GRACE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

**CROSSING OVER
TO THE NEW ERA**

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BIBLE READING

2 SAMUEL 19:31-40



2 Samuel 19:31-33

³¹ Barzillai the Gileadite also came down from Rogelim **to cross** the Jordan with the king and to send him on his way from there. ³² Now Barzillai was very old, eighty years of age. He had provided for the king during his stay in Mahanaim, for he was a very wealthy man. ³³ The king said to Barzillai, “**Cross over** with me and stay with me in Jerusalem, and I will provide for you.”



2 Samuel 19:34-37

³⁴ But Barzillai answered the king, “How many more years will I live, that I should go up to Jerusalem with the king? ³⁵ I am now eighty years old. Can I tell the difference between what is enjoyable and what is not? Can your servant taste what he eats and drinks? Can I still hear the voices of male and female singers? Why should your servant be an added burden to my lord the king? ³⁶ Your servant will **cross over** the Jordan with the king for a short distance, but why should the king reward me in this way? ³⁷ Let your servant return, that I may die in my own town near the tomb of my father and mother. But here is your servant Kimham. Let him **cross over** with my lord the king. Do for him whatever you wish.”



2 Samuel 19:31-40

(1) CROSS-OVER : 10x

(2) JOSHUA 3 & 4 :

Joshua & Children of Israel crossed over to the Promised Land



What are CROSS OVER TIMES?

- (1) Times of Transition
- (2) Times of Trials
- (3) Times of Tribulations
- (4) Times of Testing
- (5) Times of a New Beginning



One of David's lowest point

- (1) Absalom rebelled (**2 Samuel 15**)
- (2) Ahithophel sided with Absalom (**2 Samuel 15:30-31**)
- (3) Absalom was killed (**2 Samuel 18**)
- (4) David mourned for Absalom (**2 Samuel 19:1-2**)



CROSSING OVER TO THE NEW PHASE OF YOUR LIFE

3 Postures of Barzillai

(1) Continue to be an Encourager



Barzillai encouraged David

- (1) A Gileadite – from Ramoth Gilead, a city of Refuge (**vs 31**)
- (2) 80 years old (**vs 32**)
- (3) Had encouraged David before (**vs 32**)
- (4) He CROSSED-OVER (**9 times mentioned**) with David



My Favorite Character in New Testament

BARNABAS

Acts 4 : “Son of Encouragement”



CROSSING OVER TO THE NEW PHASE OF YOUR LIFE

- (1) Continue to be an Encourager
- (2) Continue to serve the Lord unconditionally, with
no expectation of rewards**



2 Samuel 19:35-36

³⁵ Why should your servant be an added burden to my lord the king?

³⁶ Your servant will **cross over** the Jordan with the king for a short distance, but why should the king reward me in this way?



Colossians 3:23

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters **(NIV)**

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men **(KJV)**





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GOD IS NO MAN'S DEBTOR!



CROSSING OVER TO THE NEW PHASE OF YOUR LIFE

- (1) Continue to be an Encourager
- (2) Continue to serve God unconditionally
- (3) Continue to be an empower-er for the Next Generation

CONTINUE!



2 Samuel 19:37-38

³⁷ Let your servant return, that I may die in my own town near the tomb of my father and mother. But here is your servant Kimham. Let him **cross over** with my lord the king. Do for him whatever you wish.”

³⁸ The king said, “Kimham shall **cross over with me**, and I will do for him whatever you wish. And anything you desire from me I will do for you.” pleases you.



KIMHAN

(1) A young man

(2) “your servant” in vs 37 = “my son” (**NLT**)



**When we invest in and empower the Next
Generation, it pleases the heart of God.**



CROSSING OVER TO THE NEW PHASE OF YOUR LIFE

Be a Barzillai

- (1) Continue to be an Encourager
- (2) Continue to serve God unconditionally
- (3) Continue to empower the Next Generation**



OUTCOMES

- (1) Barzillai found favor with the king – “Anything you desire from me, I will do for you” (**vs 37**)
- (2) Barzillai’s children were blessed (**1 Kings 2:7**)
- (3) Barzillai’s generations were blessed (**Ezra 2:61**)



Ezra 2:61

⁶¹ And from among the priests: The descendants of Hobaiah, Hakkoz and **Barzillai (a man who had married a daughter of Barzillai the Gileadite and was called by that name).**



BARZILLAI WAS BLESSED!
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