

BBTC 34th Anniversary Celebration

*Weathering the Storm Together*  
We Have Never Been  
This Way Before



## INTRODUCTION - when for the very first time:

- Travelling to a foreign city.
- Visiting the sick in the hospital.
- Going to IMH.
- Diagnosed with cancer.
- Going to school, Poly, UNI whether local or overseas.
- Starting a new job in a new environment.
- Moving house to a new location.
- Doing zoom call or figuring out a SMART phone.
- Etc.

CB-P1=50; P2=100, +LiveW; P3 ...

## Joshua 3:4

(NKJV) Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed this way before."

(NIV) Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before. But keep a distance of about two thousand cubits between you and the ark; do not go near it."



## Joshua 3:4

(AMP) However, there shall be a distance between you and it of about 2,000 cubits (3,000 ft.) by measurement. Do not come near it, so that you may [be able to see the ark and] know the way you are to go, for you have not passed this way before."

(NLT) Since you have never travelled this way before, they will guide you. Stay about half a mile behind them, keeping a clear distance between you and the Ark. Make sure you don't come any closer."





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So  
HOW?

# Background to Joshua 3:

- Moses had died;
- Moses led Israel across the Red Sea.
- Joshua is the new leader;
- Joshua and Israel are now near River Jordan and about to cross over.



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- II. Principle #2 - Follow the Ark as it moves
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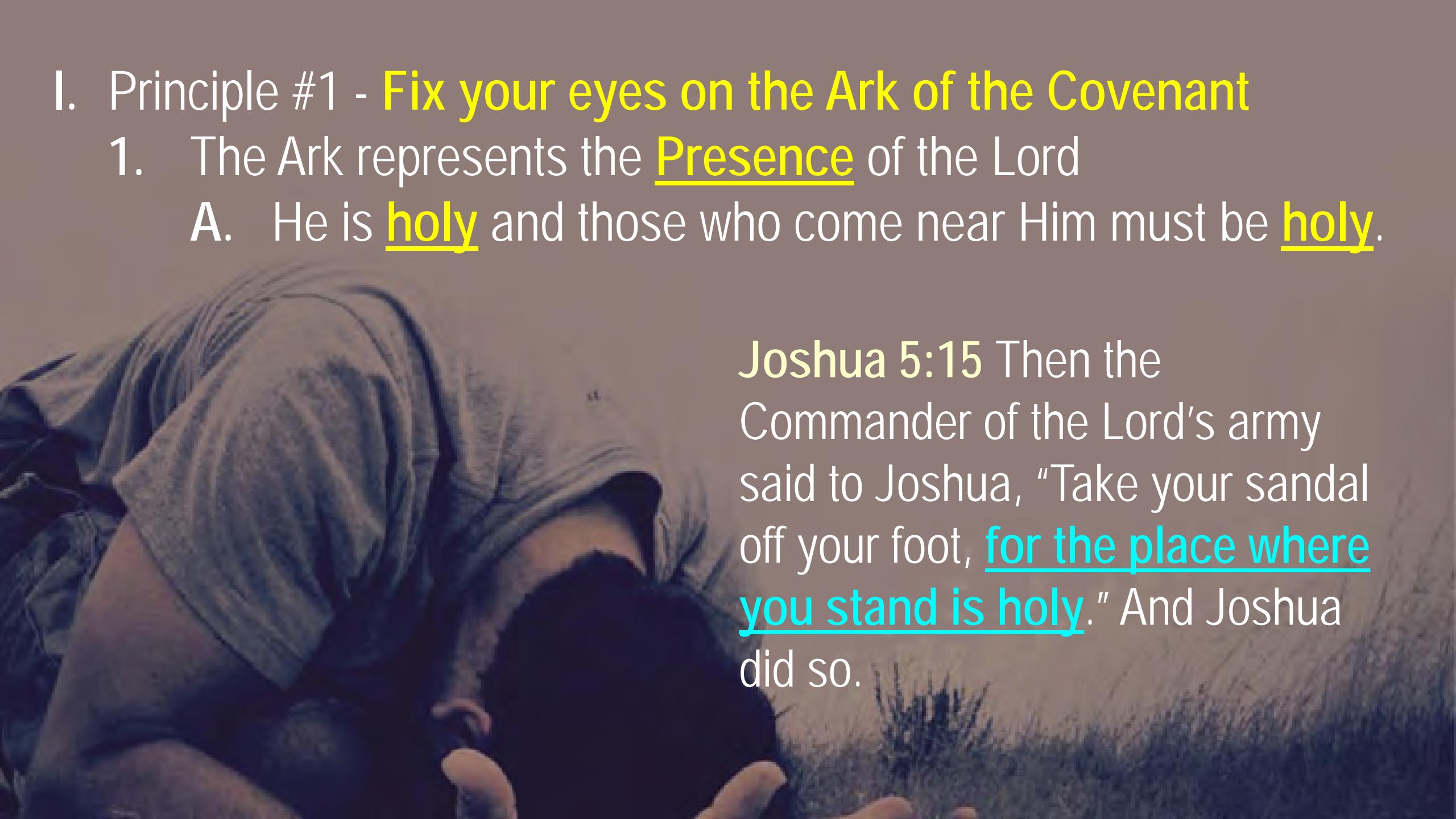




## I. Principle #1

# Fix your eyes on the Ark of the Covenant

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- I. Principle #1 - Fix your eyes on the Ark of the Covenant
  - 1. The Ark represents the Presence of the Lord
    - A. He is holy and those who come near Him must be holy.

Joshua 5:15 Then the Commander of the Lord's army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy." And Joshua did so.

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Hebrews 12:14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord.

1 Peter 1:15-16

15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

Online-Onsite Worship



## I. Principle #1 - Fix your eyes on the Ark of the Covenant

1. The Ark represents the Presence of the Lord
  - B. We always come into His Presence by the Blood of the Lamb and through Jesus, our High Priest.

Hebrews 10:19, 21

19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus.

21 and having a High Priest over the house of God.

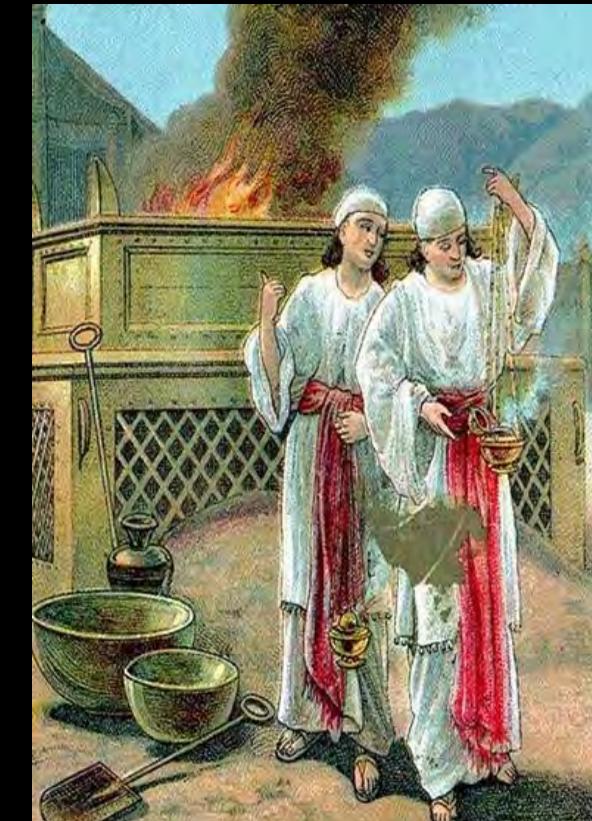
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Leviticus 10:1-2

1 Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them. 2 So fire went out from the Lord and devoured them, and they died before the Lord.



1. The Ark represents the **Presence** of the Lord
  - C. In the **OT**, under **law**, there are **severe** consequences when we “**mis-handle**” the Presence of the Lord.

1 Samuel 6:19-20

19 Then **He struck the men of Beth Shemesh,**  
**because they had looked into the ark of the Lord.**

He struck fifty thousand and seventy men of the people, and the people lamented because the Lord had struck the people with a great slaughter.

20 And the men of Beth Shemesh said, “**Who is able to stand before this holy Lord God?** And to whom shall it go up from us?”



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## 2 Samuel 6:6-7

6 And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled.

7 Then the anger of the Lord was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for his error; and he died there by the ark of God.



1. The Ark represents the Presence of the Lord

D. In the NT, under grace, when we “**mis-handle**” the Presence of the Lord:

- we grieve the Holy Spirit in us [Ephesians 4:30];
- we reap the negative consequences of our carnality [Galatians 6:7-8] and from leaning on the world's wisdom [James 3:15];
- we give open doors to the evil one to steal, kill and destroy [Ephesians 4:27; 1 Peter 5:8; John 10:10a].

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- 2. There are 3 key items inside the Ark:
  - A. The golden pot that had the manna.



Hebrews 9:4 which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant.

Provision



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# WEATHERING THROUGH THE STORM MERVIN'S STORY



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Word - Laws for Life & Promises to stand





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## II. Principle #2 - Follow the Ark as it moves

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## II. Principle #2 - Follow the Ark as it moves

### 1. Always obey-follow the instructions of the Word.



Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.

- ✓ Joshua 1:8-9
- ✓ Proverbs - Wisdom
- ✓ 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1
- ✓ Philippians 4:8 vs John 8:44
- ✓ Luke 18:1
- ✓ James 3:17

## II. Principle #2 - Follow the Ark as it moves

### 2. Always experience the Grace and Truth of the Lord Jesus.

John 8:12 Then Jesus spoke to them again,

saying, "I am the light of the world.

He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness,

but have the light of life."



Walking it out - build strength all round

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Ecclesiastes 5:18-20 (AMP)

18 Behold, here is what I have seen to be good and fitting: to eat and drink,  
and to find enjoyment in all the labor in which he labours under the sun during  
the few days of his life which God gives him—for this is his [allotted] reward.

19 Also, every man to whom God has given riches and possessions, He has  
also given the power and ability to enjoy them and to receive [this as]  
his [allotted] portion and to rejoice in his labor—this is the gift of God  
[to him]. 20 For he will not often consider the [troubled] days of his life,  
because God keeps him occupied and focused on the joy of his heart  
[and the tranquility of God indwells him].

## II. Principle #2 - Follow the Ark as it moves

3. Always be guided and led by the Holy Spirit and not respond to our carnality and the wisdom of the world.

Galatians 5:16, 18, 25

16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.



Philippians 3:3

3. Always be guided and led by the **Holy Spirit** and not respond to our carnality and the wisdom of the world.

**Hebrews 8:10** For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: **I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts**; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

**Hebrews 10:16** This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: **I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them.**



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### III. Principle #3 - Consecrate yourself continually

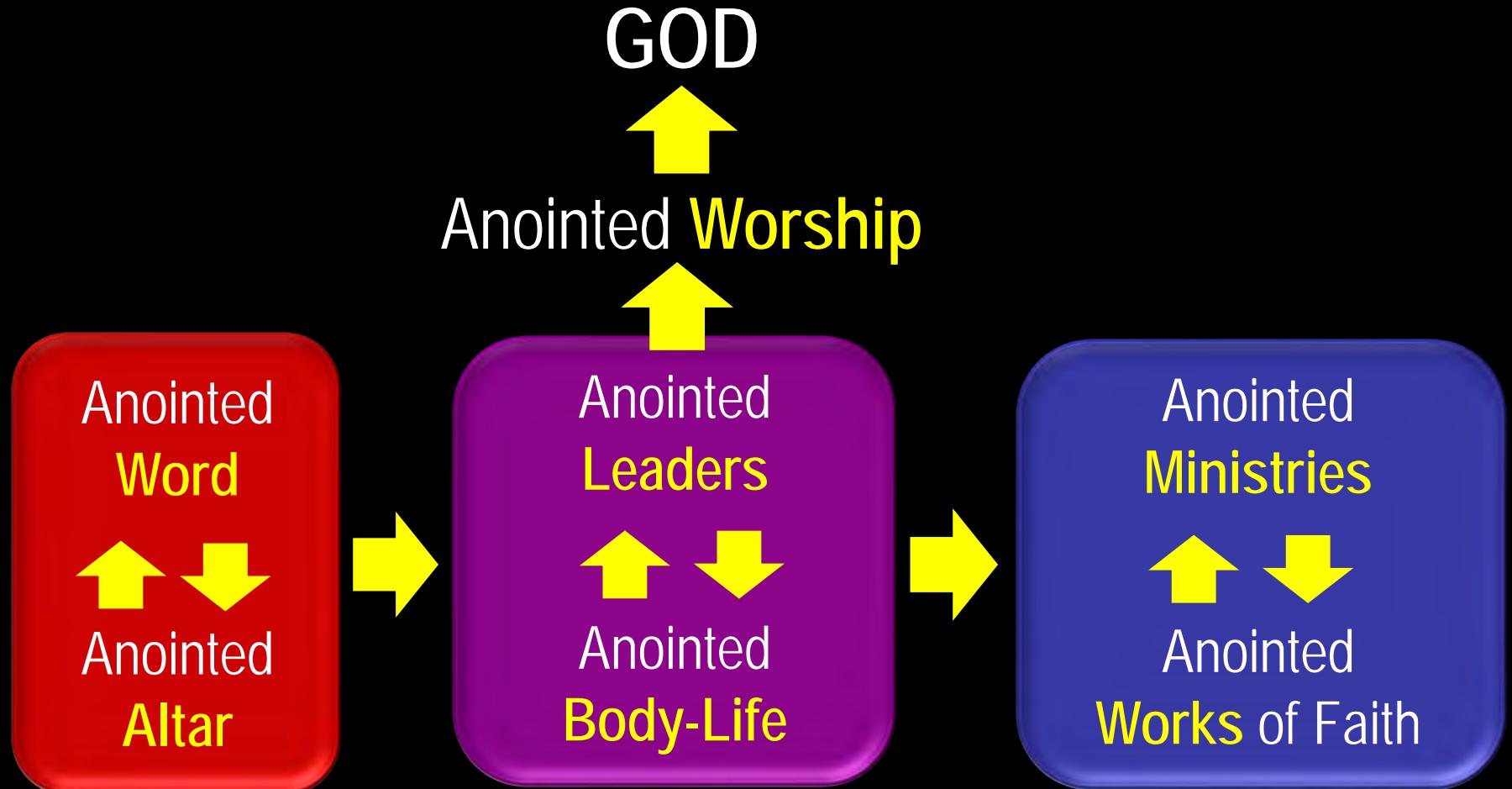
Joshua 3:5 And Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify (consecrate) yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you."

### III. Principle #3 - Consecrate yourself continually

Joshua 5:13-15: Encounter-Experience the LORD of Hosts

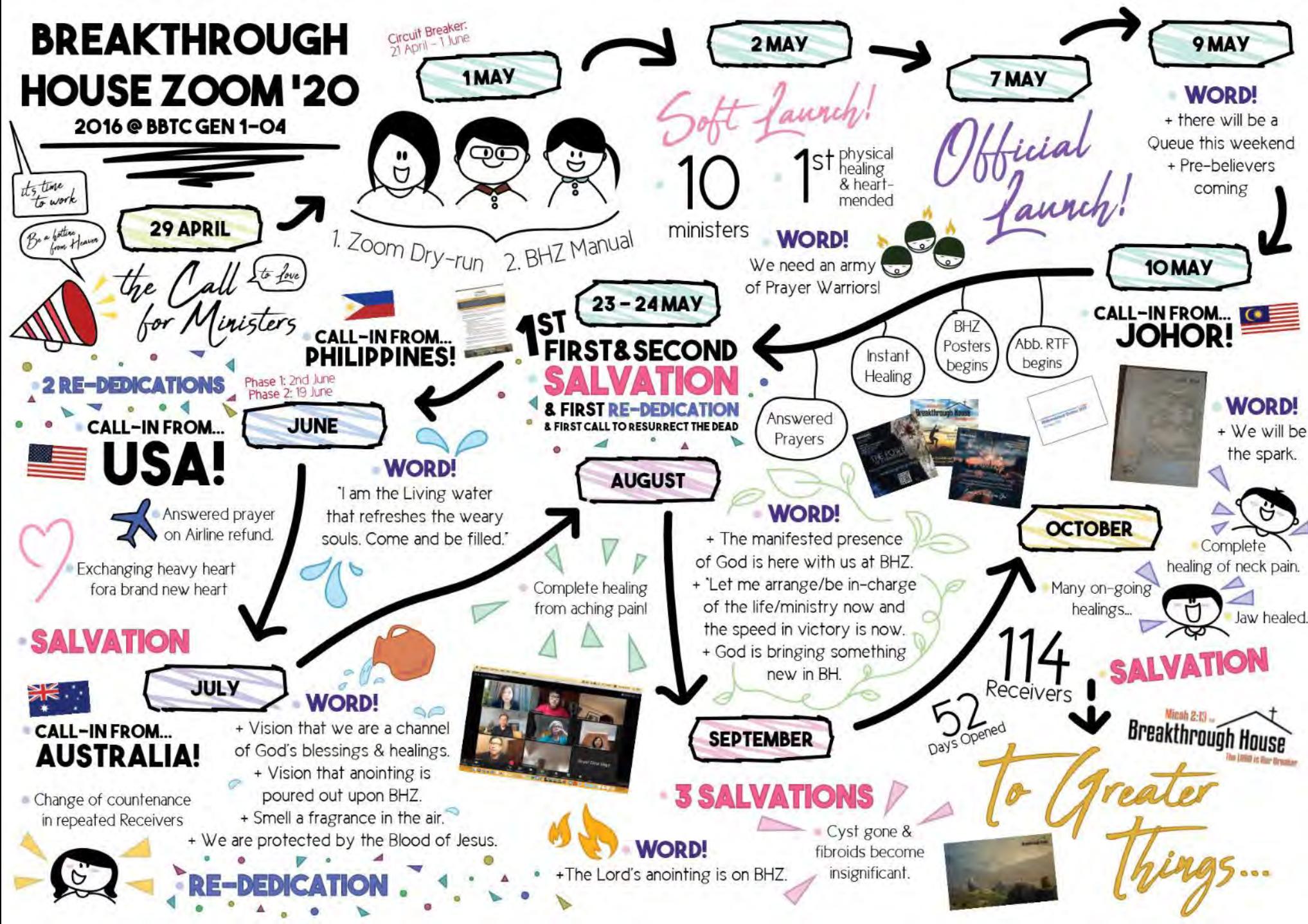
- submit to His authority;
- move to His side, not other way around;
- take off sandals - holy ground - consecration of daily walk.

# Seven Pillars in BBTC



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### III. Principle #3 - Consecrate yourself continually

Joshua 6 - will conquer Jericho  
- Hebrews 11:30

Joshua 7 - failure to consecrate  
and obey will lead to defeat

### III. Principle #3 - Consecrate yourself continually

Romans 6:13, 19

13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

19 I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

### III. Principle #3 - Consecrate yourself continually

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

2 Corinthians 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

### III. Principle #3 - Consecrate yourself continually

2 Corinthians 4:13 And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak.

Pray the Word!



# SUMMARY - The 3 Principles:

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BOTTOM-LINE:

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Hebrews 12:2 looking unto Jesus,  
the author and finisher of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before Him  
endured the cross, despising the shame,  
and has sat down at the right hand of  
the throne of God.

