



**PRIEST LAKE**  
COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

FORWARD. HIGHER. TOGETHER.  
WITH CHRIST AT THE CENTER.

# HERE, BUT NOT HERE

WHERE IS MY HEART?

HEBREWS 3

| JOSHUA 1

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SERMON STUDY GUIDE

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Vision: Forward & Higher Together - building on the Foundation of Christ, so we never walk alone.

## THE CENTRAL BURDEN

God may have brought us into a new place, but we cannot fully experience where He is leading while our hearts remain governed by where we have been.

### THE QUESTION IS: WHERE IS MY HEART?

**Big Idea:** God calls us to honor what He has done, surrender to what Christ is saying today, and trust His presence to lead us where experience cannot.

**Primary Text:** Hebrews 3:7-19

**Supporting Texts:** Joshua 1:1-2; Joshua 3:1-5

## OPENING REFLECTION

If I am physically HERE, but my mind and spirit are still THERE, where am I really?

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*"To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts."*

**Hebrews 3:15 (KJV)**

## MOVEMENT 1 - WHERE IS MY HEART?

*"Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God."*

**Hebrews 3:12 (KJV)**

Israel had left Egypt physically, but Egypt still had a hold on their thinking. A changed location does not automatically mean a changed heart. Hebrews warns us not to harden ourselves when God speaks.

### DISCUSS & WRITE

**1. Where can a person be physically present with God's people while mentally or spiritually living somewhere else?**

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**2. What can make resistance to God's voice feel normal over time?**

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### PERSONAL REFLECTION

**Lord, where has fear, hurt, pride, disappointment, preference, or familiarity begun to govern my response to You?**

## DON'T MISS THE WARNING

Important theological questions surround Hebrews 3. But we can become so busy defending a doctrinal position that we never allow the text to confront us.

### **DON'T MISS THE WARNING TRYING TO WIN THE THEOLOGICAL ARGUMENT.**

1. What warning in Hebrews 3 do I most need to hear today?

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2. Am I continuing to trust Christ, respond to His voice, and surrender when obedience becomes uncomfortable?

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3. What is one area where I need to stop analyzing everybody else and let the Word examine me?

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## MOVEMENT 2 - HONOR YESTERDAY, BUT DON'T LIVE THERE

*"Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan..."*

**Joshua 1:2 (KJV)**

God honored Moses as His servant, but Israel could not remain at yesterday's moment. Spiritual maturity thanks God for what He did then while remaining available for what He is saying now.

**KEY TRUTH: Gratitude for yesterday cannot become allegiance to yesterday.**

**1. What from my past should be honored, thanked God for, and carried forward as wisdom?**

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**2. Where could a good past experience be becoming the standard for what God is allowed to do today?**

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**3. What does it look like for me to honor yesterday while obeying Christ today?**

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## THE CROSSROADS - WHEN EXPERIENCE RUNS OUT

### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN EXPERIENCE RUNS OUT?

There are moments when what worked before cannot tell us what to do next. That is when pressure comes. At the crossroads, we can respond in fear or we can respond by faith.

**OUR FAITH MATTERS MOST UNDER PRESSURE.**

**1. Under pressure, what do I usually reach for first - what is familiar, or the presence and direction of God?**

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**2. What current pressure is revealing what I truly trust?**

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**3. What would a faith response look like in that situation?**

## MOVEMENT 3 - WHEN EXPERIENCE CAN'T LEAD YOU

*"Ye have not passed this way heretofore."*

**Joshua 3:4 (KJV)**

When Israel reached the Jordan, experience had no map for what came next. God's presence had to become their reference point. Faith does not deny experience; it refuses to make experience Lord.

*"Sanctify yourselves: for to morrow the LORD will do wonders among you."*

**Joshua 3:5 (KJV)**

**1. Where am I asking God for something new while insisting that He lead me only through what is familiar?**

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**2. What does consecration or surrender look like for me before I take the next step?**

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**3. If I cannot rely on experience alone, how can I intentionally look for God's presence and Word?**

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## FORWARD & HIGHER - WITH CHRIST AT THE CENTER

Forward & Higher is not about chasing novelty. It is about becoming the people Christ is forming us to be.

**FORWARD** - yesterday cannot govern our obedience today.

**HIGHER** - Christ, not familiarity, is our standard.

**TOGETHER** - God has not called us to make this journey alone.

**The structure is not the Way. Jesus is the Way.**

**1. Which word - Forward, Higher, or Together - most challenges me right now? Why?**

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**2. What would it look like for Jesus Christ to be unmistakably at the center of this area of my life?**

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## MY RESPONSE - LORD, MAKE ME FULLY HERE

At the beginning, “Here, But Not Here” described the problem. The prayer now is for God to make us fully here - fully surrendered, fully present, and fully submitted to Christ.

**What has the Holy Spirit shown me through this message?**

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**What do I need to surrender?**

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**What is one faithful step I will take this week?**

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### MY RESPONSE TODAY

☐ Accept Christ    ☐ Baptism    ☐ Rededication    ☐ Prayer

***“Lord, make me fully here.”***

SUNDAY MESSAGE NOTES

Key line or Scripture I want to remember:

Notes:

Who can I talk with this week about what God is showing me?