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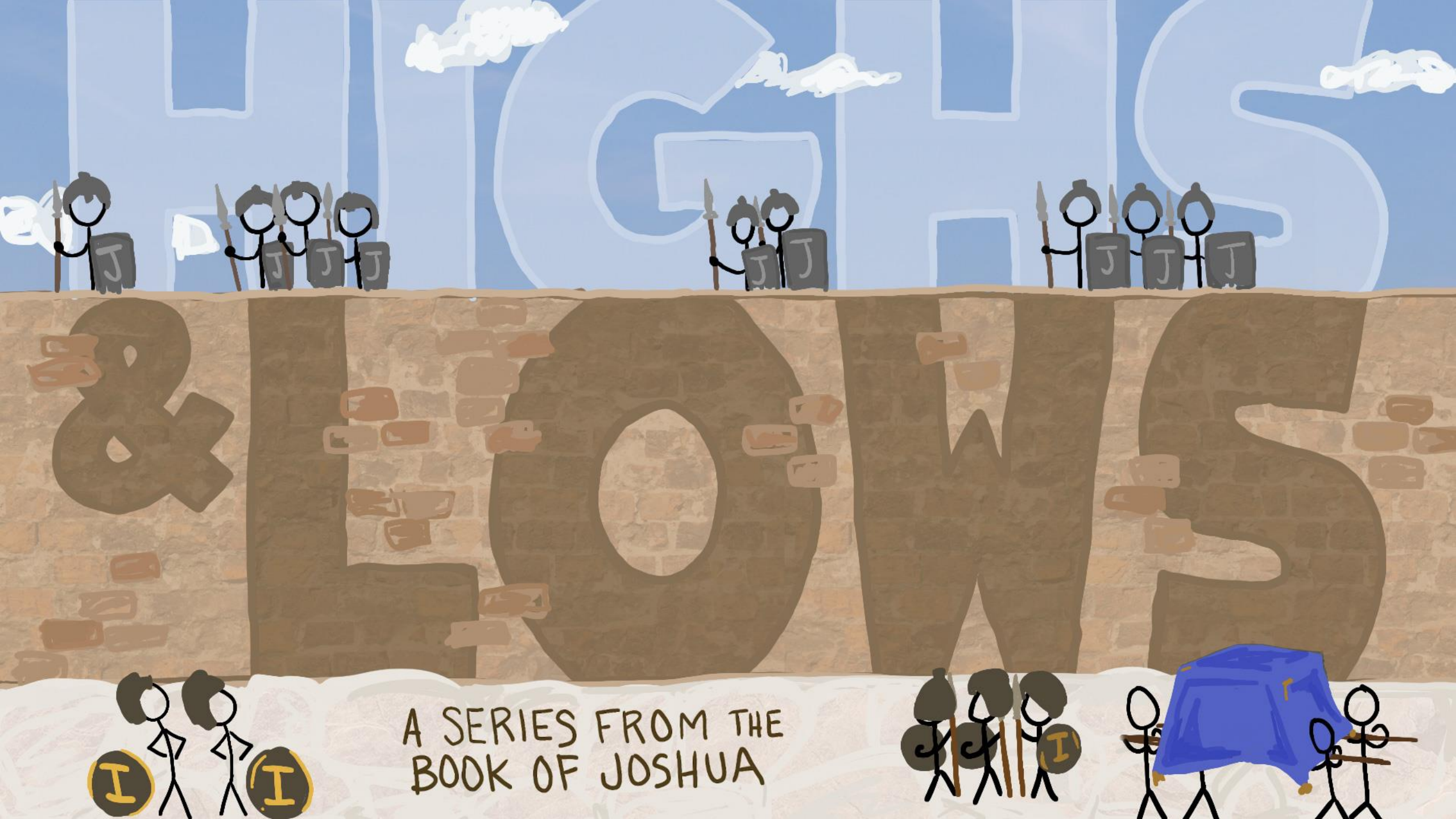
Looking Back - Moving Forward




How remembering your past can help develop your future



Joshua 4:1-5:1



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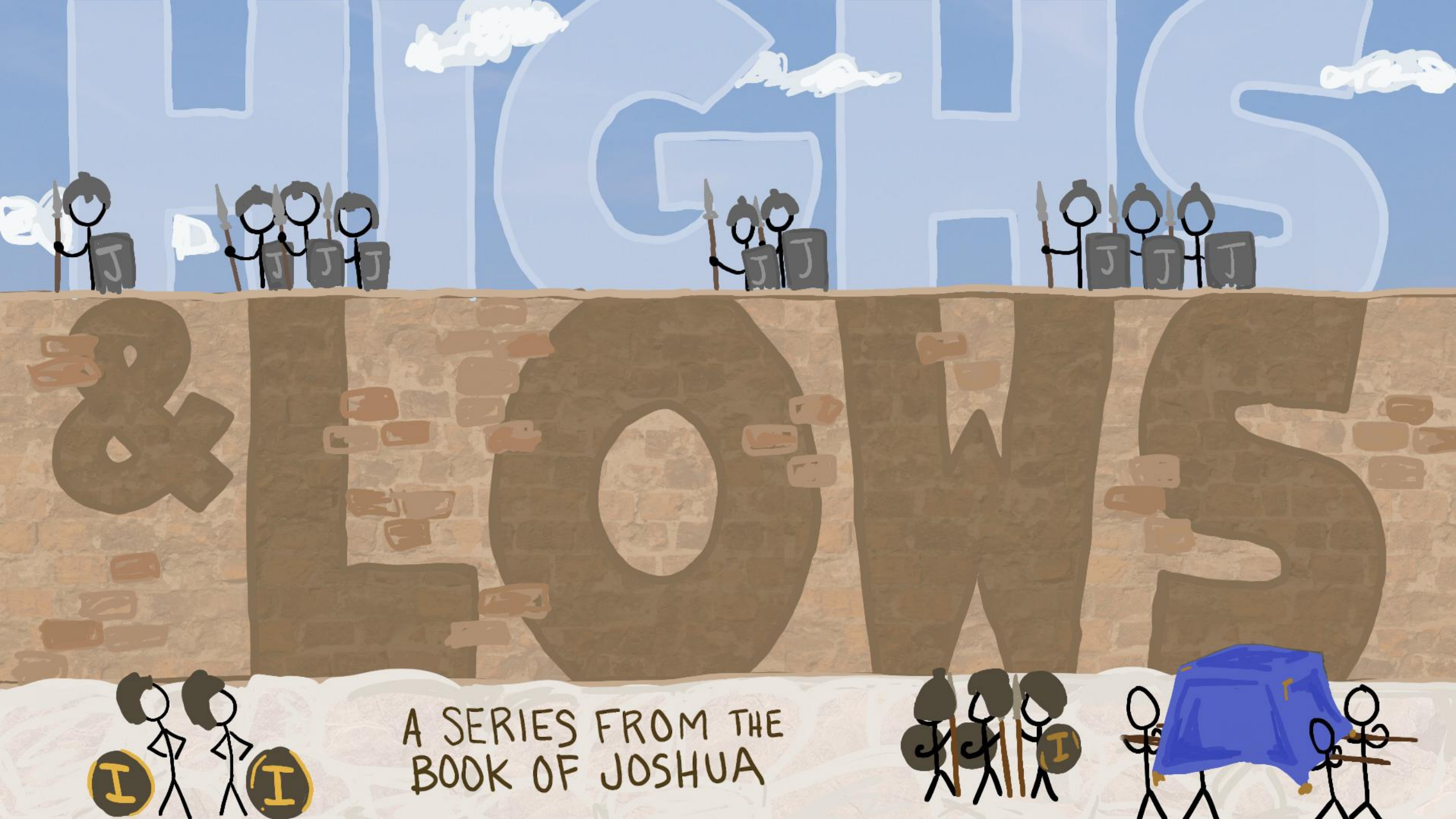
KEY	
	Possible route of the Exodus



“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”



Hebrews 11:1



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Faith in action

- The Word of Faith 3:1-13
 - “Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you.” Joshua 3:5

Faith in action

- The Walk of Faith 3:14-17
 - The water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho. The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground
 - . Joshua 3:16-17

Faith in action

- The Witness of Faith: 4:1-24
 - On the tenth day of the first month the people went up from the Jordan and camped at Gilgal on the eastern border of Jericho. And Joshua set up at Gilgal the twelve stones they had taken out of the Jordan. He said to the Israelites, “In the future when your descendants ask their parents, ‘What do these stones mean?’ tell them, ‘Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.’ For the Lord your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The Lord your God did to the Jordan what he had done to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over. He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the Lord is powerful and so that you might always fear the Lord your God.”
 - Joshua 4:19-24

Faith in action

- The result
 - Now when all the Amorite kings west of the Jordan and all the Canaanite kings along the coast heard how the Lord had dried up the Jordan before the Israelites until they had crossed over, their hearts melted in fear and they no longer had the courage to face the Israelites.
 - Joshua 5:1

The importance of Gilgal

- 1 Samuel 1:11-15 Samuel confirms Saul as king; twice it is a place of sacrifice
- 2 Kings 1-4 both Elijah and Elisha have bases there
- Hosea and Amos both mention it as a place of sacrifice and pilgrimage
- Joshua 4 A place which commemorates their arrival in the Promised Land (There was no memorial built when they crossed the Red Sea – there was here)

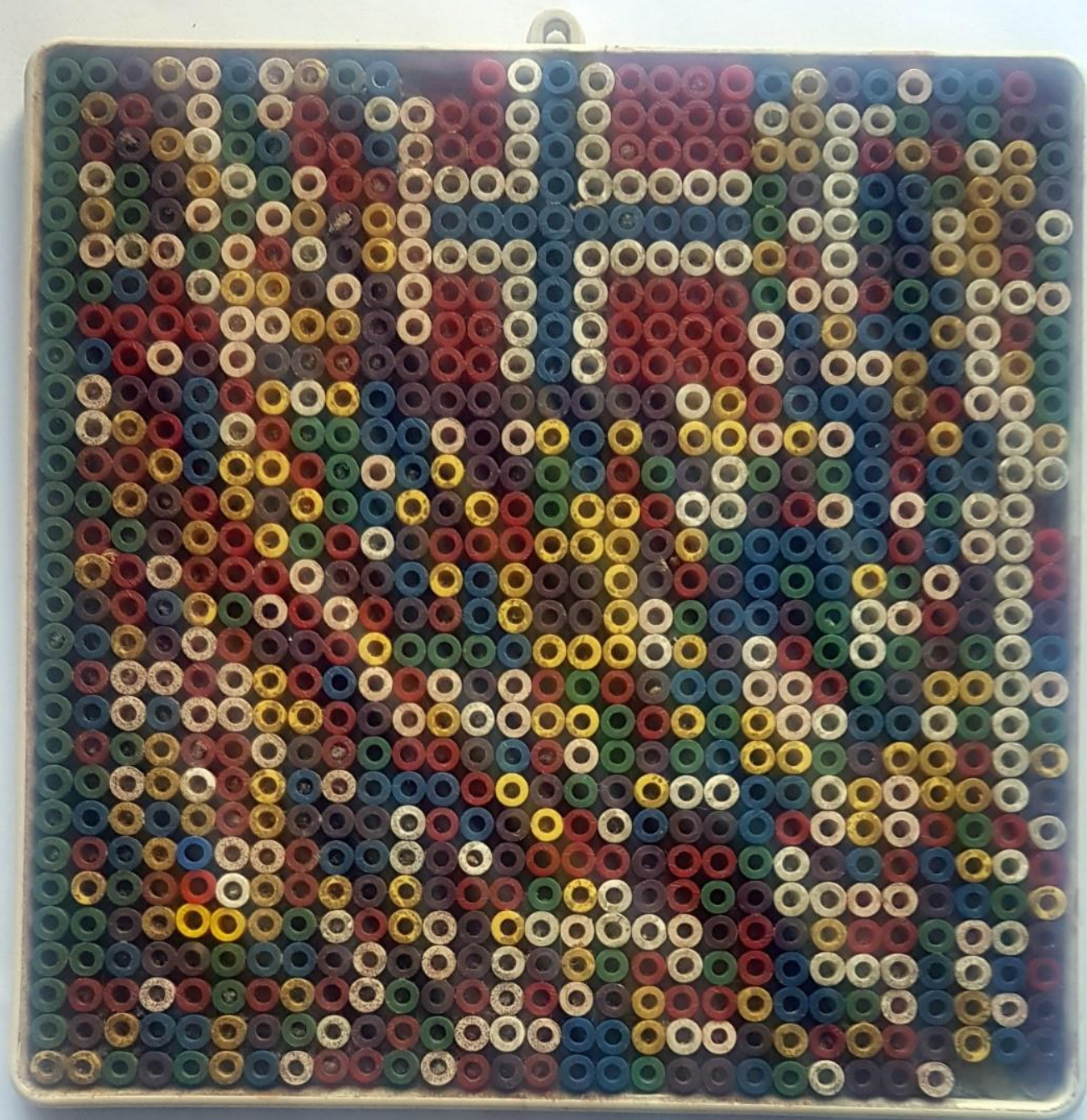
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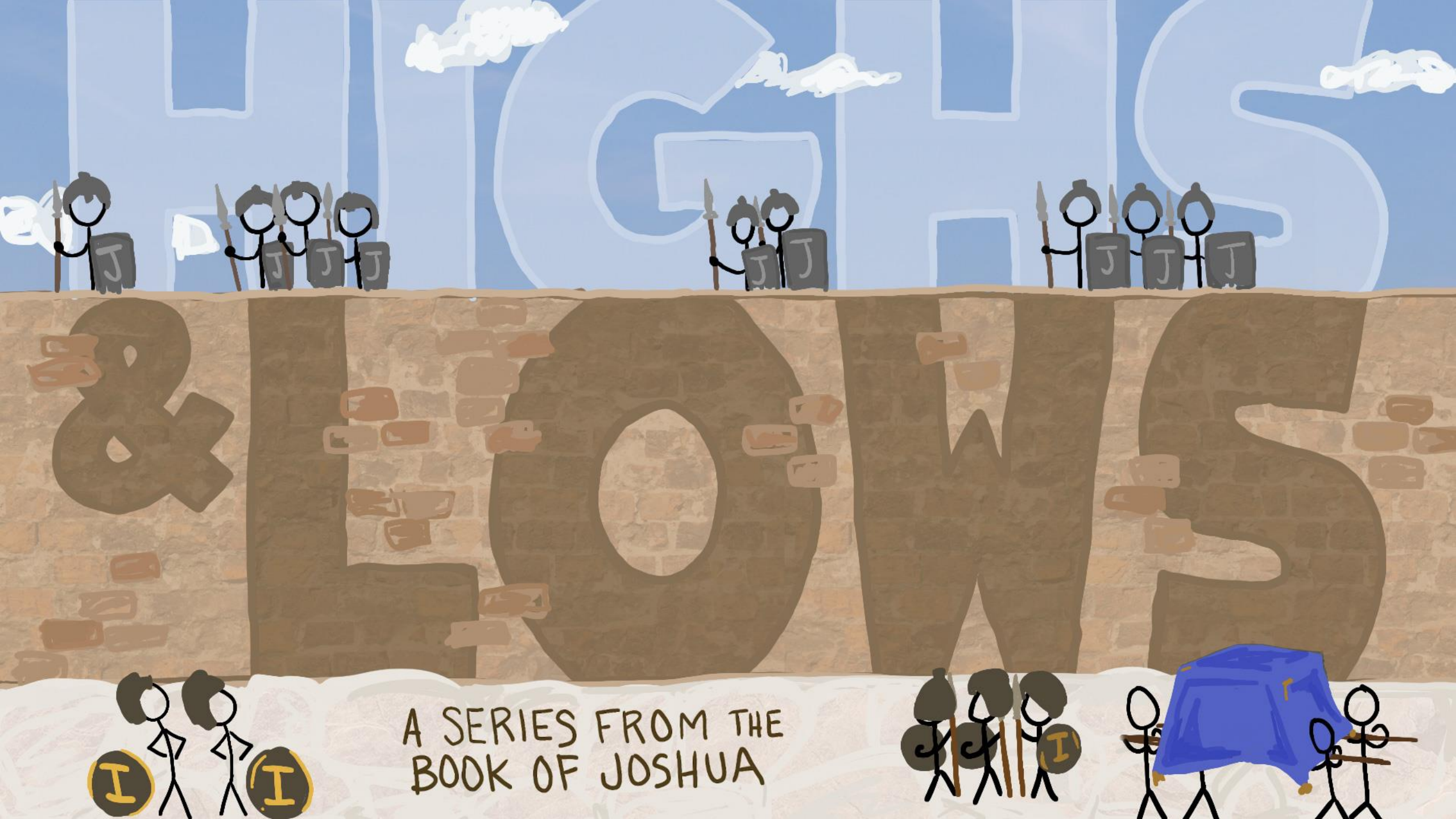






Next steps

- What is one challenge you are currently facing? Your crossing-the-Jordan challenge
- What step forward by faith might God be asking you to take?
- What is our responsibility as Christians to the next generation?
- What is one step we can take towards fulfilling that responsibility?



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