

JOURNEY

In the beginning it's <u>difficult</u> or <u>impossible</u>
to see what an <u>artist</u> is <u>creating</u>,
but when you've seen the <u>beauty</u> of his/her <u>previous</u> work,
you wait in <u>anticipation</u> for the next <u>masterpiece</u>.

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: ² "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. ³ I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses.

Joshua 1:1-3 (emphasis mine)

They expected God to act because of what He had done in the past.

DECADES project vision:

To <u>engage</u> our youth like never before and to do so with the <u>help</u> and <u>support</u> of <u>adults</u> in our church.

CHAMELEON

"The primary purpose of color change has been found to be due to social signaling, as opposed to camouflage, although both social signaling color change, and color change for purposes of camouflage do occur in most chameleons, to some extent. Color change is also used as an expression of the physiological condition of the lizard, and as a social indicator to other chameleons." Wikipedia

We seek THE <u>FORMULA</u> to create wonderful Christian kids. This <u>troubles</u> our youth.

Train a child **in the way he should go**, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6 (emphasis mine)

"Therefore, they're under multiple agendas throughout their life."

Chap Clark

Chameleons **change** based on their **surroundings**.

Are we like that? Are our kids like that?

sports * friends * boy/girlfriend * grades * music * success * college money * involvement * job * alcohol/drugs * sex * church * school

MIRACLES - DO YOU BELIEVE?

So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. ¹⁵ Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, ¹⁶ the water from upstream stopped flowing.

Joshua 3:14-16a

Step into the river

Our journey is not one of <u>certainty</u>
as we consider what our youth need,
but one of <u>reliance</u> and <u>obedience</u> to God's <u>direction</u>.

HOW DO WE @ JW RESPOND? BY...

- · Learning and seeking info about what our kids and families need
- Relying on the Holy Spirit's guidance as we love our students and help them know and become like Jesus.

What makes a miracle a miracle?

mir · a · cle

I: an extraordinary event manifesting divine intervention in human affairs 2: an extremely outstanding or unusual event, thing, or accomplishment

A miracle is when God <u>intervenes</u> and makes possible a <u>vision</u> and dream based on His <u>promise</u> and love for us.

WORSHIP * BELONG * GROW * SERVE * SHARE

next steps

- Step into the river
- Identify your boxes
- Engage your children in conversation
- Become a high school youth leader
- Pray for our youth and all that's going on