

II. Moses: Faith in Action (Hebrews 11:23-29)

A. Moses' parents hiding him by faith (v. 23)

B. Moses' choice to identify with God's people (vv. 24-26)

- Refused to be called son of Pharaoh's daughter
- Chose affliction with God's people over sin's pleasures
- Esteemed Christ's reproach greater than Egypt's treasures

C. Moses forsaking Egypt by faith (v. 27)

- Not fearing the king's wrath
- Endured by seeing the invisible God
- Connection to Hebrews 11:1 - definition of faith
- Inward focus on God vs. outward pressures
- Walking by faith, not by sight
- Peter's example of walking on water

D. The Passover by faith (v. 28)

- Unusual command to apply blood to doorposts
- God tests faith with seemingly impossible tasks

E. Crossing the Red Sea by faith (v. 29)

- Required trust despite approaching Egyptian army
- Crossed on dry land
- Egyptians drowned for opposing Israel's God
- Lesson: Faith requires moving forward when outcomes are unclear

III. The Wilderness Generation: 40 Years of Unbelief

A. Gap between verses 29 and 30 (40 years)

- Period of grumbling omitted from faith chapter

B. Pattern of complaints after the Red Sea

- Marah - bitter water (Exodus 15)
- Exodus 16 - food complaints
- Exodus 17 - water complaints
- Golden calf worship
- Kadesh-Barnea - refused to enter Promised Land

C. God's judgment (Numbers 14:29-30)

- Generation would die in wilderness
- Only Caleb and Joshua exempted

D. Warning against unbelief (Hebrews 3:16-19)

- Same generation that saw miracles failed to trust
- Could not enter rest because of unbelief

E. **Lesson: Remain faithful whether experiencing rewards or God's silence**

IV. The Fall of Jericho (Hebrews 11:30)

A. **Context: 40 years later, led by Joshua**

B. **God's unusual battle plan**

- March around city once daily for six days
- March around seven times on seventh day
- No military strategy - required faith in God's promises

C. **Six days showed no results**

- No cracks, vibrations, or falling stones
- Yet they obeyed

D. **Lessons learned**

- Faith requires waiting on God
- Faith obeys even when direction doesn't make sense
- Israel obeyed all the way through God's promise

V. Rahab the Harlot (Hebrews 11:31)

A. **Faith on the inside of Jericho's walls**

B. **Two women mentioned by name in Hebrews 11**

- Sarah and Rahab

C. **Rahab mentioned three times in New Testament**

- Matthew 1 - genealogy of Jesus
- Hebrews 11:31
- James

D. **Contrasts highlighting Rahab**

- Joshua (Jew) vs. Rahab (Gentile)
- Joshua (man) vs. Rahab (woman)
- Joshua (godly) vs. Rahab (prostitute)
- Abraham vs. Rahab in James

VI. Rahab's Story in Joshua 2

A. **Two spies lodging at Rahab's house (Joshua 2:1)**

- B. **King of Jericho's demand (vv. 2-3)**
- C. **Rahab's courageous action (vv. 4-7)**
 - Hid the spies on the roof
 - Lied to protect them
 - Sent pursuers in wrong direction
- D. **Rahab's confession of faith (vv. 8-11)**
 - Knew the LORD had given Israel the land
 - Heard about Red Sea miracle
 - Heard about victories over Amorite kings
 - Declared: "The LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath"
- E. **Rahab's concern for family (vv. 12-14)**
 - Requested kindness for father's household
 - Spies agreed to spare them
- F. **The scarlet cord (vv. 15-21)**
 - Let spies down through window
 - Instructed to bind scarlet cord in window
 - Family must stay inside house to be saved
- G. **Spies' safe return (vv. 22-24)**

VII. Jericho's Destruction and Rahab's Salvation (Joshua 6:21-25)

- A. **Complete destruction of Jericho**
- B. **Rahab and her family spared**

VIII. God's Patience and Judgment on the Canaanites

- A. **God's promise to Abraham (Genesis 15:16)**
 - Iniquity of Amorites not yet complete
 - 400 years between promise and conquest
- B. **God's patience doesn't mean ignoring sin**
- C. **Canaanites had evidence of God's existence and power**
- D. **Rahab responded in faith and received mercy**

IX. Characteristics of Rahab's Saving Faith

- A. **Understanding with the mind (Joshua 2:9)**
 - "I know that the Lord has given you the land"
- B. **Hearing and receiving God's word (v. 10)**
 - "We have heard"
 - Faith comes by hearing
 - Hearing means receiving, understanding, and responding
- C. **Heart response (v. 11)**
 - "Our hearts melted"
 - Takes softened heart to receive God's gift
- D. **Commitment and decision (v. 21)**
 - "According to your words, so be it"
 - Ready to do whatever needed to follow God

X. Rahab's Restoration and Legacy

- A. **God is in the business of restoration**
- B. **From condemned woman to adopted into Israel**
- C. **Included in genealogy of Jesus (Matthew 1:5-6)**
 - Rahab begot Boaz
 - Part of David's lineage
- D. **Message of hope: No one is beyond God's reach**