



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“HEBREWS 11:30-31 / JOSHUA 1-6:1-9” ON MARCH 10 & 13, 2022

CONNECT

How did last week’s passage we read/discussed from Hebrews 11:22/Genesis 37:50 affect your week?

DISCOVER: HEBREWS 11:23-29/ EXODUS 12:33-50

What did the passage say (in your own words) or did you take away from the sermon this week?

How does this passage or did the sermon point you to Jesus (teach us about Jesus)?

Did you find anything challenging about this passage (words you didn’t understand, phrases that didn’t make sense, etc.)?

HEBREWS 11:30-31 By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the people had marched around them for seven days. By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

JOSHUA 1-6 1:9 Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

WALLS, BATTLE STRATEGY, PREPARATION and OBEDIENCE: Read Joshua 1:1-9; Joshua was already overwhelmed that Moses had charged him with leading the Israelites into Canaan to conquer the land, but he listened to God, was obedient to a battle strategy that was strange, and believed God’s promise of deliverance.

- How well have you prepared yourself: Do you know God’s promises? Believe those promises? Seek Him every day? Meditate on His Word? Know who He is? Intentionally reflect the faithfulness He has shown you in the culture around you? What steps can you take to better prepare yourself to know God?
- What walls in your life need to be crumbled for you to move forward in your faith?

FAITH AND FEAR: Fear can be overcome by being obedient to God’s promises, but we must choose to risk moving forward through our fears. Jesus refines us as we walk through our fears – it’s called spiritual growth!

- What do you fear? When God says, “GO!” what STOPS you?
- How willing are you to walk into/push through your fears in obedience to God’s promises, knowing that you will be allowing Jesus to refine you in the process? Why or why not are you willing to take that step?
- What are you willing to change or risk to overcome a fear in your life by faith? What does it mean to you to be strong and courageous?

RAHAB: A CANAANITE, A PAGAN, A PROSTITUTE WHO LIED. None of these things disqualified her from being used by God and from becoming a part of His Kingdom. She made a decisive decision and took a great risk based on WHAT SHE HAD HEARD about the God of the Israelites. What she had heard gave her enough HOPE to make that decisive decision. Review Joshua 2 – Rahab’s story of choice and risk.

- What things in your life cause you to feel you are not qualified to be used by God?
- How does Rahab’s story challenge or encourage you when you are overwhelmed with feeling unqualified, facing your fears or being afraid to speak openly about your faith?
- Why don’t people in our community hear about what God has done in peoples’ lives, as Rahab had? What holds us back from giving people hope? How important is that to you on your weekly agenda?
- What gives you hope? Is hope on your lips? In what ways could you ask God to be with you and equip you as you step forward in your community to say, “This is what God is doing/has done in my life!”?

RESPOND

- How does this passage encourage you, challenge you, or change you in your efforts to become more like Jesus?



CHURCH

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

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- What is one thing you learned about yourself from God's Word? How will you respond in obedience this week?
- Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you at a CU Church gathering.

PRAY

... for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.