Heb 11:30-31

The Conquest: Victorious Faith

- **I. Introduction:** The author of Hebrews commended the faith of Israel and Rahab at Jericho for believing that God would win the victory despite seemingly insurmountable odds.
- **II.** The Conquest: Victorious Faith (**Heb 11:30-31; Josh 2:1-24, 6:1-25**).
 - A. Conquering Faith (v. 30; Josh 6:1-25).
 - 1. God demonstrated at the battle of Jericho that if Israel relied upon on His strategy and might, they would destroy Jericho and claim the Promised Land.

- B. Courageous Faith (v. 31; Josh 2:1-24).
 - 1. This story of Rahab demonstrated that the Lord redeems people from their life of sin by faith, and He will deliver them from His judgement.

III. Conclusion: The author encouraged his Jewish audience to live by faith, like Israel and Rahab who overcame the world through faith in God's promises.

Study Questions: The Conquest – Victorious Faith

- 1. How does God instruct believers to overcome the world? (2 Cor 10:3-6; Eph 6:10-18) Why are some Christians victorious and others not? What is the strategy of our enemy? (John 8:43-44)
- 2. Who did Joshua meet outside Jericho? (Josh 5:13-15) What was His battle plan? (Josh 6:1-5) What did God promise Joshua? (v. 2) What is the significance of the number seven?
- 3. How did Yahweh lead Israel into battle? (**Josh 6:6-15**) What did the Ark symbolize to the Jews? What had Israel already seen God do with the Ark at the Jordan river? (**Josh 3-4**)
- 4. What are the weapons of warfare that believers possess? (Eph 6:10-18) How is the word of God a sword? (Heb 4:12) How did Jesus use Scripture to fight Satan? (Matt 4:1-11)
- 5. What did Rahab tell the king about the Jewish spies? (**Josh 2:3-6**) Was she justified in lying to the king's soldiers? What did she know about God and His law? (**Josh 2:8-13**)
- 6. What did Rahab want the Jewish spies to do for her? (Josh 2:12-14) What did they require of her to spare her family's lives? (v. 14) How did this demonstrate her faith in God?
- 7. What was the sign of the covenant that they made with Rahab? (Josh 2:15-21) How was this similar to the Passover? (Ex 12:1-13) Where did she tell the spies to hide? (Josh 2:16)
- 8. How did God rescue Rahab and her family? (Josh 6:22-25) How did God redeem Rahab and include her in the line of Messiah? (Ruth 4:18-22; Matt 1:5) Can God redeem your past?

<u>Prayer</u>

- 1. Pray that God might show you how He has a plan for you and the power to accomplish it.
- 2. Pray that God might reveal to you how you can demonstrate His grace to lost people.