

Sermon Notes 3/9/25

## **“Faith in Action” (part 6)**

### **“Fe en acción” (parte 6)**

**How do we put our faith into action?**  
**¿Cómo ponemos nuestra fe en acción?**

1. Let's move forward with \_\_\_\_\_.

Sigamos adelante con \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 11:29 (Hebreos 11:29)

Exodus 14:15 (Éxodo 14:15)

1 Corinthians 10:1-4 (1 Corintios 10:1-4)

Exodus 15:20-21 (Éxodo 15:20-21)

2. Let's serve the Lord every \_\_\_\_\_.

Sirvamos al Señor todos los \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 11:30 (Hebreos 11:30)

Joshua 6:2-3 (Josué 6:2-3)

Joshua 24:15 (Josué 24:15)

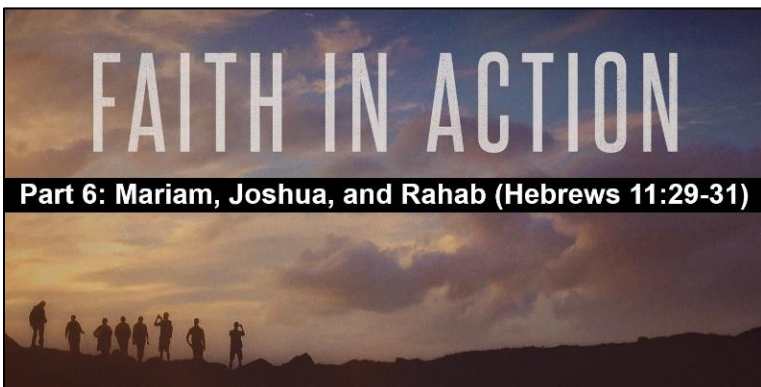
3. Let's help the servants of \_\_\_\_\_.

Ayudemos a los siervos de \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 11:31 (Hebreos 11:31)

Joshua 2:8-11 (Josué 2:8-11)

James 2:25-26 (Santiago 2:25-26)



# Life Group Discussion Questions

**Week 20: March 9-16**

**Hebrews 11:29-31**

As Christians, we must maintain our faith in Christ. However, biblical faith is not just a matter of believing something to be true. James wrote, “As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.” (James 2:26) Our faith is tested when we face overwhelming trials and temptations. In those difficult times, it’s not easy to put our faith into action. If we want to keep our faith healthy and active, we must be a part of a community of faith. In Hebrews 11:29-31, we see three more examples of people who put their faith into action. In each of these examples, we see people coming together and helping each other to trust and obey God in difficult times.

## **Read Hebrews 11:29 and Exodus 14:10-31**

1. What did the people of Israel do when they saw the Egyptians coming after them? (Ex. 14:10-12)
2. What did Moses tell the people to do in verses 13-14?
3. What did God want the people to do in verse 15?
4. What did God say that He was going to do? Why? (Ex. 14:17-18)
5. What did the Israelites see? How did they respond to what they saw? (Ex. 14:28-31)

Jim Girdwood and Peter Verkruyse write,

Israel was “marching out boldly” until they saw the Egyptian chariots coming. Immediately “they were terrified” (v. 10). But when the Israelites had crossed the sea and saw the pursuing Egyptians dead on the shore, “the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant” (Exod 14:29-31). To say that it was “by faith” that the people passed through the Red Sea can only mean that faith is there when there is obedience. However small, however full of fear, it is still faith, if there is obedience. They certainly did not feel calm, or even “trusting” before the crossing. They were “terrified.” (Girdwood and Verkruyse, 377-378)

Hebrews 11:23 mentions the faith of Moses' parents. Through their actions, they passed their faith on to Moses. God used Moses to lead the people of Israel on a journey of growing faith. The examples of faith in 11:24-28 all focus on the faith of Moses. By watching the actions of Moses, the people developed in their faith. While the last plague required the people to put the blood of the lamb on their door frames, the Red Sea crossing is where we see the people taking a terrifying risk by walking for several miles all night between two huge walls of water.

### **Read Hebrews 11:30 and Joshua 6:1-21**

6. Why was the city of Jericho "tightly shut up"? (Josh. 6:1-2)

7. How many consecutive days did the people march around the city before God caused the walls of the city to collapse? (Josh. 6:3-5)

Mark Ziese notes,

What is clear from the beginning is the end of the story: this fortified site, its chief, and fighting men will be given over into Joshua's power. To accomplish this, however, a most unusual strategy is prescribed. March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. This is no magical invocation and certainly not a description of conventional besieging tactics. If anything, it is a parade of symbolic action, perhaps even a snapshot representing the conquest as a whole. Heart and hands, belief and action are blended. (Ziese, 144)

8. When the people were marching around the city, who marched in front of the ark and who marched behind the ark? (Josh 6:9)

9. What were the people told to do with all the gold, silver, bronze, and iron they found in Jericho? (Josh. 6:18-19, 24)

10. Why did Joshua spare Rahab and her family? (Josh. 6:17, 25)

### **Read Hebrews 11:31 and Joshua 2:1-21**

11. How does the author of Hebrews describe Rahab? (Heb. 11:31)

Kent Hughes comments,

It is most significant that the final person to receive individual commentary in the list of champions of faith is a woman and a Gentile and a prostitute. Rahab's faith, a prostitute's faith, is given as an example for all who desire to have true faith—

especially those who know they are sinners and who deep down want to be pleasing to God. (Hughes, 365)

12. What did the king of Jericho do when he found out that two Israelite spies were seen going into the home of Rahab? (Josh. 2:2-3)
13. How did Rahab protect the spies from being captured? (Josh. 2:4-6)
14. Why did Rahab risk her life to protect the spies? (Josh. 2:8-13)
15. What events did the people of Jericho hear about that made them fear the Israelites? (Josh. 2:10)

Ziese observes,

Rahab reviews Israel's story including Yahweh's place in it. She is aware that the land of Canaan is a gift given by Yahweh to Israel. She understands how Israel came out of Egypt, crossed the Red Sea and defeated the chiefdoms of Transjordan in a "take no prisoners"-style conflict. In words that approach testimonial proportions, Rahab also confesses that Yahweh is sovereign over all creation, "for Yahweh, your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below." Finally, in an unexpected betrayal, Rahab offers the scouts the intelligence they seek: all Canaan knows about and fears the Israelite approach. (Ziese, 87)

16. What conditions did the spies give to Rahab that she had to honor in order for her and her family to be saved? (Josh. 2:17-20)
17. What examples in other people have helped you to grow in your faith?
18. Why do you think God wanted His people to march around Jericho for six days before He caused it to fall?
19. What has encouraged you to keep serving God in difficult times?
20. How can you encourage or appreciate other believers this week for their acts of faith and service?

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