

Jesus is Better

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*What obstacles in our life seem
overwhelming?*

*How would it look for us to
experience God's power in those
situations?*

Hebrews 11:29

By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned.

Exodus 14:10-12

[10] When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and **they feared greatly**. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. [11] They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? [12] Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.”

Exodus 14:13-14

[13] And Moses said to the people, “**Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today.** For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. [14] The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”

Exodus 14:17-18

[17] And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and **I will get glory** over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. [18] And the Egyptians **shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory** over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

Key Principle #1

*Faith views
dead ends as
opportunities to
experience
God's power &
glory.*





Hebrews 11:30

By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.

Joshua 6:1-5

[1] Now Jericho was shut up inside and outside because of the people of Israel. None went out, and none came in. [2] And the LORD said to Joshua, “See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor. [3] You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days.

Joshua 6:1-5

[4] Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. [5] And when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, everyone straight before him."

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Key Principle #2

*Faith embraces
gaps in the plan of
God in order to
experience the
power of God.*

Hebrews 11:31

By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

Joshua 2:8-11

[8] Before the men lay down, she came up to them on the roof [9] and said to the men, “I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. [10] For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt...

Joshua 2:8-11

...and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. [11] And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, **for the LORD your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath.**

“... Rahab as the climactic example in chapter 11... She represents someone who was willing to leave her own society and culture and to align herself with the people of God. In other words, she functions as a model for the readers since she was willing to go ‘outside the camp’ (13:13) and to suffer the reproach of being identified with the people of God.”

(Schreiner, EBTC: Hebrews, p. 366)

Key Principle #3

Faith is the conviction that God's power is greater than my sinful past or my surrounding culture.

1 Timothy 1:13-17

[13] though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, [14] and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. [15] The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

1 Timothy 1:13-17

[16] But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. [17] To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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