

SERMON OUTLINE

In Hebrews 11:29-31, we find 3 examples of faith in the God who does the impossible.

- I. Faith believes God can miraculously control His creation.
 - A. By faith the people believed God could part the Red Sea and were delivered (v. 29a).
 - B. The Egyptians did not and were destroyed (v. 29b).
- II. Faith believes God can miraculously destroy walls and cities.
 - A. By faith the people believed God could bring down Jericho's walls (v. 30b).
 - B. By faith the people obeyed and on the 7th day the walls fell (v. 30b).
- III. Faith believes God can miraculously deliver from rubble.
 - A. By faith Rahab was delivered from the rubble of Jericho's walls (v. 31a).
 - B. Because by faith Rahab gave a friendly welcome and sheltered the spies (v. 31b).

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, April 18, 2021

Passage: Hebrews 11:29-31

Memory Passage: Hebrews 11:31

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Heb. 11:29-31 & Ex. 14:1-31.** Who are the main characters in the story of Ex. 14?

(b) Explain the role of each character and whether they acted by faith or without faith?

(c) Why do you think God acted through Moses rather than accomplishing His will without a human catalyst?

(d) What main lessons do we learn from Exodus 14?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Heb. 11:29-31.** To which characters does our author bring our attention in v. 29?

(b) What contrast does our author bring in v. 29?

(c) What did “the people” believe by faith about God, and what did they do by this faith?

(d) What primary lesson does our author desire his first-century readers to learn, and what primary lesson should you learn?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Heb. 11:29-31 & Josh. 6:1-21, 26-27.** Explain the story of Exodus 6:1-21 from a resident of Jericho’s perspective (i.e., how would a resident of Jericho have seen and interpreted the Israelites’ actions?) and from a faithful Israelite’s perspective.

(b) What reason did God give Joshua for organizing and conducting such an extravagant exercise (cf. v.2)?

(c) What does the author of Hebrews say about this event (11:30)?

(d) What did the people believe by faith about God that caused the walls to fall?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read Heb. 11:29-31, Josh. 2:1-24, & 6:22-25.** Explain Rahab's story as found in Joshua 2 & 6.

(b) What did the pagan prostitute Rahab believe by faith about God (Josh. 2:9-11), and for what did she ask (Josh. 2:12-13)?

(c) Joshua 6:25 says Rahab "lived in Israel to this day" because she hid the spies. Is this only a statement of geographical residency or is it saying something more (cf. Matt. 1:5 & James 2:25)? Fully explain your answer.

(d) What contrast does the author of Hebrews make in 11:31, and for what purpose does he do so for his 1st-century audience?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read Heb. 11:29-31.** Write down everything you've learned (or been reminded of) about God in all the passages you've studied this week. Consider what you've read about His character, His work, His care & provision for His people, and what He's asked His people to do.

(b) What does our author intend for his 1st-century audience to "do" after they've considered these examples? In other words, what obedience does he desire them to accomplish after hearing/studying these verses?

(c) In what ways does what you've learned (or relearned) about God inspire, motivate, and enable your faith to grow stronger?

(d) Write down at least 4 ways you will apply what you learned this week to your daily walk with the Lord and your obedience to His word.

DATE: April 18, 2021

PASSAGE: Hebrews 11:29-31

Faith Believes the Impossible