

THE FAITH OF THE EXODUS GENERATION
(Hebrews 11:29-31)

- I. The Faith of Those Who LEFT EGYPT (Heb. 11:29; see Exod. 14)
 - A. Initially followed in the FAITH of MOSES
 - 1. He did not follow MAN'S LOGIC
 - 2. He followed GOD'S LEADING
 - B. Acted in FAITH by PASSING THROUGH the Red Sea
 - 1. It was NOT their COURAGE that kept them SAFE
 - 2. They were DELIVERED through their CONFIDENCE in GOD
 - C. Later characterized by UNBELIEF (Heb. 3:12, 18-19; 4: 2, 6, 11)
 - 1. ALL were DELIVERED from EGYPT
 - 2. FEW gained ENTRANCE to CANAAN
- II. The Faith of Those Who CONFRONTED JERICHO (Heb. 11:30; see Josh. 6)
 - A. No DESCRIPTION of the city
 - 1. Fortress enclosed area of about SIX ACRES
 - 2. The inner wall was TWELVE FEET THICK
 - 3. The outer wall was SIX FEET THICK
 - 4. Gap between them TWELVE to FIFTEEN FEET
 - 5. Possibly as high as FORTY-SIX FEET

- B. No mention of JOSHUA, who LED the campaign
 - 1. He did not follow MAN'S LOGIC
 - 2. He followed GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS
 - a. For six days must march around the city ONCE, then RETURN to CAMP
 - b. On day seven must march around the city SEVEN TIMES, then ENTER the CITY
 - C. States that they acted BY FAITH
 - 1. They OBEYED the STRANGE instructions
 - 2. The walls "FELL DOWN"
- III. The Faith They FOUND in CANAAN (Heb. 11:31; see Josh. 2:1-21 ; 6:17-25)
- A. An UNLIKELY champion of FAITH: Rahab
 - 1. A WOMAN who was also a HARLOT
 - 2. A GENTILE who was also a CANAANITE
 - B. SPARED while her people WERE NOT
 - 1. They DEFIED GOD and were DESTROYED
 - 2. Rahab BELIEVED GOD and was DELIVERED
- IV. Applications
- A. Acts of faith can be SUPERFICIAL, but TRUE faith PERSEVERES
 - B. God can produce great FAITH even in a great SINNER
 - C. Great faith should GLORIFY GOD, not ELEVATE PEOPLE
 - D. Great BLESSINGS flow from great CONFIDENCE in God