

THOSE WHO EXERCISE FAITH, PART 2

Hebrews 11:23-40

Discuss review questions from the previous lesson.

DAY 1: HEBREWS 11:23-26—FAITH SEES BEYOND WHAT IS PHYSICAL

1. a. Read Exodus 2:1-10 and Acts 7:17-22. What, by faith, did Moses' parents experience and accomplish?

- b. What encouragement for parents do you see in Proverbs 22:6 and Hebrews 11:24-25?

DAY 2: HEBREWS 11:27-29—FAITH SEES THE UNSEEN

2. a. Read Exodus 3:1-12. What experience helped prepare Moses for his return to Egypt?

 - b. What did Moses have to do before he could receive a sign that God had sent him (3:10-12)?
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3. What visible symbols did God use to lead the Israelites in Exodus 13:21-22?
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4. Read Exodus 14:10-16, 21-22. Record what the Israelites had to do in order to be rescued.

DAY 3: HEBREWS 11:30-31—FAITH DEMANDS THAT WE TAKE RISKS

5. a. Read the story of Jericho in Joshua 6:1-20. What risks (emotional, physical, and spiritual) did the Israelites experience at Jericho when they chose to obey God?

 - b. What risks do you sometimes take when you choose to obey God?
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6. a. Read Joshua 2:1-16. How much did Rahab know about God before demonstrating confidence in Him (2:8-11)?
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- b. How did she demonstrate her faith (2:4, 12-16)?

- c. According to Joshua 6:22-23, how was her faith rewarded?

DAY 4: HEBREWS 11:32-35—FAITH CAN CONQUER

7. What other victorious deeds done “*through faith*” are mentioned in these verses?

8. What character qualities do you see in the people mentioned here who demonstrated such great faith?

9. Read the following verses that talk about the kind of faith that overcomes: Joshua 1:9; Psalm 118:5-9; John 16:33. What encouragement do you receive from these verses?

DAY 5: HEBREWS 11:36-40—FAITH CAN BE COSTLY

10. These verses concern physical and emotional abuses committed against people of faith. From Hebrews 11 or any familiar Bible story, name a person whose example of costly faith gives you courage. Who did you choose, and how does this person’s life encourage you?

11. Hebrews 11:39-40 speaks of God’s promises that are to be fulfilled in Christ. What specific promises do you find in the following verses?
 - a. Matthew 5:10-12

 - b. Luke 18:29-30

 - c. John 14:2-3

12. How do the passages you’ve just read help you better understand the relationship between God’s deliverance and a person’s faith?

DAY 6: PARTICIPATE IN CLASS

APPLY what you have learned. Faith is not human courage or sharpened intellect. And it is never perfect. Even people of the greatest faith are limited by human frailties—mistakes, sin, sorrow, and loss. Faith is simply trusting God and living out that trust, whether the day brings disappointments or joy. Faith knows that in all things God works for our eventual and ultimate good. What opportunities do you have today to exercise your faith in who God is?