

Hebrews 11:29-32

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. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. 31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

32 And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets

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Introduction

The list of the faithful in Hebrews ends with the Israelites entering the promised land, Rahab, the judges, David, Samuel and the prophets.

We are reminded through the entering of the promised land that faith is to be fearless, listening and trusting in God. Rahab in particular showed her faith, though a novice in the ways of God, by fully leaning on the Lord's plan and putting herself at His feet.

The individuals listed in Hebrews 11 are all far from perfect. Many even failed in the most astounding ways. Still, God is merciful and loving, not requiring a clean record from anyone, and simply asking that from this point, looking forward, we live and act in faith through a close relationship with Him.

Discussion

- >>How does faith remove fear?
- >>How can we hear what God is telling us?
- >>How can we live as if God has put our past behind us?

Explanation

- >>How did Rahab's actions show her faith in God?
- >>What kind of people were the judges, and how did God raise them up?
- >>What weaknesses did these people of faith listed have?

Application

- >>Recount an experience that built up your faith in God and share it with the group.
- >>What can we do to improve our relationship with God?
- >>What inspires us to look to the future? What is our future like?