

sermon notes

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May 7, 2023 | “The Faith of a Murderer and a Prostitute” | **Hebrews 11:23-31**

Our Faith in God is a Faith...

- 1) that triumphs over _____
(11:23)

- 2) that triumphs over _____
(11:24-26)

- 3) that triumphs over _____
(11:27-29)

- 4) that triumphs over _____
(11:30-31)

Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Hebrews 11:23. How did Moses’s parents, Amram and Jochebed, show their faith? What kind of retribution could they have experienced from the Egyptians if their civil disobedience was discovered? When is civil disobedience necessary for believers? How was this demonstrated by Shiphrah, Puah, Amram, Jochebed, and even Rahab (see Exod 1-2; Josh 2:1-6)?

Read Hebrews 11:24-29. How did Moses’s faith triumph over comfort? What “fleeting pleasures of sin” did he discard in Egypt? What mistreatment “with the people of God” did he choose? Why does the author of Hebrews say that he chose the reproach of Christ?

Read Hebrews 11:30-31. How did the Israelites demonstrate faith around the walls of Jericho? Did they believe God’s word or not? What about Rahab? What is significant about Rahab being a woman, a Canaanite, and a prostitute? How is Rahab presented in the NT to NT believers (see Matt 1:5; James 2:25)?

GET PERSONAL

Why does God include a murderer and a prostitute in Hebrews 11, the so-called “Hall of Faith?” How does faith relate to morality in this chapter? How does it relate to obedience? How should we understand ourselves and our relationship with God (by faith!) in light of this chapter?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

According to the NT, we are saved by faith. Look up the Scripture passages that affirm this (e.g. Rom 5:1; Gal 2:16; Eph 2:8-9). But we are also called to “walk by faith” and “live by faith” (e.g. 2 Cor 5:6-7; Gal 2:20). What does that mean? How do we walk by faith in this world? Did the OT “hall of famers” walk consistently by faith? Do we ever fail to walk by faith? If so, does that failure jeopardize our salvation? Watch the following video by John Piper to help you understand practically how to walk by faith:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/labs/practical-steps-to-walk-by-faith>

ADVANCED QUESTION

Read Hebrews 11:29 and Exodus 14:1-31. How can the author of Hebrews say that the Israelites demonstrated faith in the crossing of the Red Sea? Didn’t they object and grumble against Moses in Exodus 14? For more on this, watch the following sermon entitled, “The Great Escape: Exodus 14:1-31”:

<https://www.vbv.org/the-great-escape>