

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Hebrews 11:30-31

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Hebrews 11:30-31.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined>. Commands are double-underlined>. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

30 By faith
the walls of Jericho fell down
after they had been encircled for seven days.

31 By faith
Rahab the harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedient,
after she had welcomed the spies in peace.

1. For context, read Hebrews 11:23-29. In the chronology of Hebrews 11, approximately how much time had passed between v. 29 and v. 30? What major events transpired in those years? What does this tell us about what the author of Hebrews is doing?

2. Read Joshua 6. Summarize the events of Chapter 6.

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3. What is significant about v. 2 of Joshua 6?
4. Why would the instructions that Joshua and the people received be difficult to follow? How would the instructions require faith to follow?

❖ Day 2

Read Hebrews 11:30-31 again.

5. Read Deuteronomy 7:24. How was this on the people's minds as God gave them instructions concerning Jericho?
6. Re-read Hebrews 11:30. What is different in this verse regarding the subject of the faith shown compared to others in chapter 11?
7. How did the walls of Jericho fall according to Heb 11:30? What did the people have to do "militarily" to defeat Jericho?

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8. By way of application, how is the response of the Israelites similar to the response we are called to exhibit when facing challenges or “battles”?
9. Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-6. Unlike the walls of Jericho, what kind of fortresses are we able to destroy with the weapons we possess as believers?
10. What areas of life do you need to persevere by faith like the Israelites marching around Jericho?
11. Read Joshua 2:1-24. Summarize Rahab’s role in protecting the two Israelite spies.
12. Why, in God’s providence, did the spies go to the house of a harlot?
13. What was significant about the location of Rahab's house within the city?

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14. Read Exodus 20:16. In light of God's command to not lie, how might we think through Rahab's lie and her faith?

15. Re-read Joshua 6:17. Read James 2:25. In context, what was James saying in v. 25 regarding Rahab's justification?

❖ Day 3

Read Hebrews 11:30-31 again.

16. How did Rahab exhibit faith? What did she know of God before the Israelites came?

17. How are the rest of the citizens of Jericho described in Heb 11:31?

18. What was Rahab's reward for her faith?

19. How is Rahab an example to us of walking by faith?

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20. Re-read Hebrews 11:2. What does the term “men of old” mean in v.2? In thinking about the Israelites at Jericho and Rahab in v. 31, why are vs. 30 and 31 included in Heb 11?

21. Summarize this passage in one sentence.

22. How should Heb 11:30-31 shape your life this week?

In preparation for Sunday, pray that we would endure by faith, even when we don't see or understand, and even when our lives are on the line.