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The Israelites and Rahab

Hebrews 11

By Faith the Israelites...

Faith Moves Forward at God's Word

- ❖ Leading up to the crossing of the Red Sea – Exodus 14:1-4, 10-18, 21-22
- ❖ Moses' command to "*stand still*" – Exodus 14:13-14 – faith is not overwhelmed with outward circumstances, but stands still in recognition of God's power and provision – Job 37:14; Psalm 46:1-3, 10-11; Matthew 6:30-34
- ❖ However, faith is not idle, but acts on God's word – Exodus 14:15; Luke 5:4-5; 6:46-49

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Faith is Not Presumptuous

- ❖ In the same verse, the Hebrew writer notes the severity of God upon the Egyptians – *Romans 11:22; Hebrews 11:29*
- ❖ The difference in the crossing of the Israelites and the attempt of the Egyptians was faith produced by God's word.
- ❖ Spiritual endeavors are only successful when they are directed by God's word – *Matthew 7:21-23*

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Faith Counts God's Foolishness as Wisdom

- ❖ The instructions of God for Israel in advancing on Jericho were not militarily sound, and seem foolish without context – *Joshua 6:1-5*
- ❖ The walls fell due to their faithful obedience – *Hebrews 11:30*
- ❖ Faith always trusts in God's ways – *Isaiah 55:8-11*
- ❖ Even when the world thinks it foolishness –
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
- ❖ Faith becomes a fool to become wise –
1 Corinthians 3:18-20

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Faith Yields to Indisputable Evidence

- ❖ Only Rahab and her family were spared in Israel's attack on Jericho – *Hebrews 11:31*
- ❖ Jericho was fortified – *Numbers 13:19; Joshua 2:15*
- ❖ It did not matter how big their wall was, Rahab feared because of her belief in the news of Jehovah and Israel – *Joshua 2:8-9*
- ❖ When a message is presented and proven to be God's word, faith accepts, and acts – *Acts 17:11-12*

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Faith Can Overcome Any Past

- ❖ The writer did not neglect to mention Rahab's occupation – *Hebrews 11:31; Proverbs 6:24-29; 7:10-20*
- ❖ There is more glory brought to God in the fact of one such as Rahab the harlot being changed by God's power through faith – *James 2:25*
- ❖ Faith trusts in God's promise of forgiveness, and pursues it with fervid penitence – *1 Timothy 1:13-16; 1 Corinthians 5:1, 5; 2 Corinthians 2:6-7; 7:10-11*

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