

Sermon Notes

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Title: SEA, CITY, & HARLOT

Main Text: Hebrews 11:29-31

Sermon Description: As the author of Hebrews continues to multiply examples of faith, he presents several instances which feature foreboding obstacles and shared experiences. These references feature the power of God intervening in the most challenging circumstances thus demonstrating His superior power. They also remind us that all believers share in the experience of salvation and its attending promises. We can relate to these accounts, if not in their spectacular scope, certainly in their principle theme. Note these three examples of faith tested and proven occur in spite of apparent inherent disqualifications. At her exodus, Israel is plagued by inferior cultural experience, oppression, and slavery – Israel in conquest remains ill equipped for war boasting no training, equipment proper to the task, or tactical advantage, and Rahab's vocation as a prostitute was black mark enough, not to mention her status as a pagan citizen among Gentile Canaanites! None of these disadvantages could derail the decrees of God nor the faith manifesting itself in the hearts of His chosen people as they trusted God's Word in spite of these handicaps...

Heading: ...THE SHARED EXPERIENCE OF THE FAITHFUL INCLUDES...

1. MASS EXODUS ...*Red Sea Crossing* (Heb 11:29, Ex 14:21-31)

- a. All else being equal
- b. One fell swoop (II Cor 2:16, Luke 2:34, I Pet 2:6-8)
- c. Passover benefits

2. KINGDOM CONQUEST ...*Jericho falling* (Heb 11:30, Josh 6:12-27)

- a. Counterintuitive strategy
- b. Faithfulness looks foolish
- c. City-wide reckoning (Rev 18)

3. PERSONAL CONVERSION ...*Rahab befriending spies* (Heb 11:31)

- a. Gentile ingathering (Josh 2:9-11)
- b. Faith & obedience (Jms 2:25)
- c. Extreme case (Mt 21:31)

AIM: MAY OUR FAITH GROW AS WE REALIZE THE INADEQUACIES OF OURSELVES & THE SUFFICIENCIES OF CHRIST (close with communion)

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Exodus	Conquest	Conversion	Background	Background	Future
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Heb 11:29	11:30	11:31	Ex 14:21-31	Josh 6:12-27	Rev 18:4-10

FURTHER STUDY: see 'Excerpts' posted weekly at providencecrosslake.com

NEXT WEEK: *Psalm 71...*