



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Hebrews 11:30-31; Joshua 2:8-18; 6:2-5 (NAS)

Topic: "Conquering Faith That Saves"

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- 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.

Joshua 2:8-18

- 8 Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof,
9 and said to the men, "I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land have melted away before you.
10 "For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed.
11 "When we heard it, our hearts melted and no courage remained in any man any longer because of you; for the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.
12 "Now therefore, please swear to me by the LORD, since I have dealt kindly with you, that you also will deal kindly with my father's household, and give me a pledge of truth,
13 and spare my father and my mother and my brothers and my sisters, with all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death."
14 So the men said to her, "Our life for yours if you do not tell this business of ours; and it shall come about when the LORD gives us the land that we will deal kindly and faithfully with you."
15 Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the city wall, so that she was living on the wall.
16 She said to them, "Go to the hill country, so that the pursuers will not happen upon you, and hide yourselves there for three days until the pursuers return. Then afterward you may go on your way."
17 The men said to her, "We shall be free from this oath to you which you have made us swear,
18 unless, when we come into the land, you tie this cord of scarlet thread in the window through which you let us down, and gather to yourself into the house your father and your mother and your brothers and all your father's household."

Joshua 6:2-5

- 2 The LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and the valiant warriors.
3 "You shall march around the city, all the men of war circling the city once. You shall do so for six days.
4 "Also seven priests shall carry seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark; then on the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.
5 "It shall be that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the

I. PERSPECTIVE

- A. God Or Man
- B. Faith Or Fear
- C. Problems Or Opportunities

II. CONQUERING FAITH

- A. Based On What God Has Done
- B. The Lord Gave The Marching Order
- C. Faith Does Not Insulate Us From Problems
 - 1. With in
 - 2. With out
- D. God's Way To Victory Emphasizes His Power and Our Weakness
- E. Faith Responds In Obedience
 - 1. We need to know what God has said *Hebrews 1:2*
 - 2. God's ways differ from ours *Isaiah 55:8,9*

III. GRACE IS EVIDENCED BY FAITH

- A. Grace Extends To Unlikely Prospects
 - 1. A person who was an enemy of God's people
 - 2. A person involved in a sinful lifestyle
- B. Rahab Testified To The Spies Concerning Her Faith

APPLICATION:

- 1. Are you allowing your faith in the Lord to transform problems into opportunities?
- 2. Are you praying for someone whom you think would be difficult for God to save?