



## The Faith of the Israelites — The Witnesses of Courageous Faith, Part 1

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Hebrews 11:29-40

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### What we have learned so far in our study ...

- The Theme of the Book - Jesus is "Better" ...
- The Outline of the Book of Hebrews ...

**A Better Person: Jesus** (1-6)

**A Better Priesthood: Jesus** (7-10)

**A Better Principle: Faith** (11-13)

The Examples of Faith (11)

The Features of Faith — Faith Described vs. 1-3

The Family of Faith — Faith Displayed vs. 4-40

Abel: The **WORSHIP** of faith. v. 4 — A picture of what it looks like when you first come to **SAVING** faith in Jesus Christ. "*Abel offered to God a better **sacrifice** ...*"

Enoch: The **WALK** of faith. vs. 5-6 — A picture of what it looks like when you truly are **SEEKING** God by faith. "*Enoch **walked with God** ...*" (cf. Genesis 5:22,24)

Noah: The **WORK** of faith. v. 7 — A picture of what it looks like when you truly **SERVE** God by faith. "*Noah **prepared an ark** ...*" (cf. Genesis 6:8-22)

Abraham: The **WORTHY** example of faith. vs. 8-19 — A picture of what it looks like when you truly **SURRENDER** to God by faith.

Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph: The **WAY** of faith passed on. vs. 20-22 — A picture of what it looks like when you **SUCCESSFULLY** communicate your faith to your children.

Moses: The **WEALTH** of faith pursued. vs. 23-28 — A picture of what it looks like when you **SEIZE** eternal treasures by faith.

### What we are going to learn today in our study ...

The Israelites - The **WITNESSES** of courageous faith. vs. 29-40 — A picture of what it looks like when your life makes a **STATEMENT** of confidence by faith.

The transition from **INDIVIDUALS** (vs. 4-28) to **ISRAELITES** — "*they*" vs. 29-40

I. COURAGEOUS FAITH TO CONQUER THROUGH **STRUGGLES**. vs. 30-35a

Joshua and the Israelites v. 30 (cf. Joshua 6:1-20)

The Obstacles — What they faced

A **FORTRESS** "*the walls of Jericho*" (v. 30)

Their **FEARS** "... *we have seen the giants, and we were in our own sight like grasshoppers.*"  
(Numbers 13:33)

The Order — What God said to do

"... *after they had been encircled for seven days.*" (cf. Joshua 6:3)

The Obedience — What they did

"*By faith ...*"

Rahab and the Israelites v. 31 (Cf. Joshua 2, 6)

The Setting — The town of Jericho

A \_\_\_\_\_ city.

A \_\_\_\_\_ city. (The 2 spies Joshua & Caleb — Cf. Joshua 2:1-7)

"... *Rahab the harlot did not perish along with those who were **disobedient** (them that **believed not-K.J.)***"

The Separation — What Rahab did (She Believed — cf. Joshua 2:8-13)

"*By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish ... after she had **welcomed** the spies in peace.*"

Other Israelites vs. 32-35a

"*And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of ...*"

Gideon demonstrated a faith in God's plan that \_\_\_\_\_ physical limitations.

Barak demonstrated a faith that \_\_\_\_\_ his personal pride.

Samson demonstrated a faith that \_\_\_\_\_ his past failures.

Jephthah demonstrated a faith that \_\_\_\_\_ his ungodly heritage.

David demonstrated a faith that \_\_\_\_\_ personal impossibilities.

Samuel and the prophets demonstrated a faith that \_\_\_\_\_ above personal pressure.

**Today's Growth Point — How does this passage apply to you and your GCG?**