



Scotts Hill Baptist Church

FAITHFUL YET FLAWED • FAITH THAT DELIVERS • HEBREWS 11:29-31 •

MAIN POINT

Biblical faith trusts the Lord to deliver in impossible situations and responds with obedience—even when there seems to be no way out, no way over, or no way forward.

INTRODUCTION

Have you ever faced a situation that seemed completely impossible to solve?

When life feels overwhelming, what is your first instinct—trust God or try to fix it yourself?

Why is it often easier to panic than to trust God's deliverance?

Throughout the Bible, God reveals Himself as a Deliverer. He rescues His people from danger, saves them from their enemies, and ultimately delivers them from sin through Jesus Christ.

Psalm 3:8 says, "From the LORD comes deliverance."

In Hebrews 11:29–31 we see three powerful illustrations of faith—faith that trusted God in impossible circumstances. Each example reminds us that God is the One who makes a way when there appears to be none.

UNDERSTANDING

Unpack the biblical text to discover what the Scripture says or means about a particular topic

| ASK A VOLUNTEER TO READ HEBREWS 11:29.

What situation were the Israelites facing at the Red Sea?

Why did this moment appear completely hopeless from a human perspective?

What did Moses tell the people to do in Exodus 14:13–14?

The Israelites were trapped between the Red Sea and the Egyptian army. Humanly speaking, there was no escape. Yet God made a way by parting the sea.

Faith in Jesus can deliver when we feel there is no way out.

God made the path, but the people still had to step forward and walk through the sea by faith.

What does this story teach us about trusting God when circumstances seem impossible?

| ASK A VOLUNTEER TO READ HEBREWS 11:30.

Why would God’s instructions to march around Jericho seem unusual or even foolish?

How might the Israelites have felt walking around the city each day?

What does this reveal about obedience and faith?

The walls of Jericho were massive and heavily fortified. Yet God’s strategy was not military strength but obedient faith.

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God’s plan required the people to trust Him enough to obey—even when the method made no sense from a human perspective.

Why do we sometimes struggle to obey God when His ways seem different from our expectations?

| ASK A VOLUNTEER TO READ HEBREWS 11:31.

Why is Rahab’s inclusion in this chapter surprising?

What did Rahab believe about the God of Israel?

What risk did she take by hiding the spies?

Rahab was a Gentile, an outsider, and a prostitute—yet she demonstrated genuine faith in the Lord.

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She trusted God enough to protect the spies and place the scarlet cord outside her window, believing God would spare her family.

What does Rahab's story reveal about God's grace and the power of faith?

Across these three stories we see the same two truths repeated:

God makes a way when there is no way.

God's way still requires us to step out in faith.

APPLICATION

Help your group identify how the truths from the Scripture passage apply directly to their lives.

Do you currently feel trapped in a situation where there seems to be no way out?

How can trusting God change the way you respond to that situation?

Is there an obstacle in your life that feels like an impenetrable wall?

What step of obedience might God be calling you to take right now?

Have you ever felt disqualified from being used by God because of past sin?

How does Rahab's story encourage you to trust in God's grace?

What is one specific step of faith God may be asking you to take this week?

PRAYER

Pray that your group would develop a deeper trust in God's power to deliver.

Ask the Lord to strengthen your faith when you face impossible situations.

Pray that God would help you obey Him even when the path forward is unclear.

Thank Him that through Jesus Christ we have the ultimate deliverance from sin and death.

COMMENTARY

| HEBREWS 11:29-31

Heb. 11:29 It took faith to walk through the Red Sea, with walls of water on each side (Ex. 14:10–31), relying only on God’s promise (Ex. 14:1–4, 15–18).

Heb. 11:30 As at Jericho, faith repeatedly caused the Israelites to follow God’s commandment before seeing his promised victory (Josh. 6:1–21).

Heb. 11:31 Before the destruction of Jericho (v. 30; cf. Josh. 2:1–21; 6:17, 22–23), Rahab said, “I know that the LORD has given you the land. . . . for the LORD your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath” (Josh. 2:9–11). As a Gentile and a sinner (prostitute), her faith was particularly remarkable.