

WEIRD FAITH

Hebrews 11:30-31

It's nice to be surprised when we see faith expressed in unanticipated ways

I. UNUSUAL FAITH (30)

A. A PEOPLE

1. Corporate faith identified
2. Commendable faith acknowledged
 - a. The Israelites faith was very frail and faulty throughout the exodus
 - b. The “younger” Israelites were ready to demonstrate a faith at which their fathers had failed!

B. THEIR PRIZE: The walls of Jericho fell down

1. They city collapsed into ruins - See Joshua 6:20
2. The Israelites didn't have to fight, fret nor fear

C. THEIR PARADE: They encircled the city for seven days

1. Ridiculous
 - a. No one ever wins by doing this
 - b. No one had to trust God like this
2. Risky
 - a. By marching close to the wall they could be shot at close range
 - b. By doing this day after day they continued to make themselves more vulnerable
3. Right
 - a. The presence of God was right
 - The Ark of the Covenant and the Rams' horn indicate this
 - b. The people of God were right - See Joshua 6:7-10

II. UNEXPECTED FAITH (31)

A. RAHAB'S FEATURES

1. A cruel Canaanite
2. A pitiful prostitute
3. A deceitful liar - See Joshua 2:3-7

B. RAHAB'S FAVORABLENESS

1. She did not perish
 - She and her family were spared - See Joshua 6:22-23
2. She was not disobedient
 - No rebellion or resistance to God's work in her heart
3. She is distinguished
 - a. Except for Sarah, she is the only woman listed in the Hall of Faith
 - b. She becomes part of the royal bloodline and ancestor of Christ - See Matthew 1:5-6

C. RAHAB'S FRIENDLINESS

1. Accepting the spies
2. Aware of their God > His plans and power - See Joshua 2:9-10

D. RAHAB'S FAITH - See Joshua 2:11

1. Confessed: I believe this about your God ...
2. Limited: She does not know His name but does know His nature
3. Growing: Later identifying with God's people and their practices - Josh. 6:25
4. Amazing: God can save a lying prostitute who betrays her own people!

CONCLUSION:

When we see weird faith let's praise God for His wonderful work!