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Sermon Notes

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Faith Active from the Red Sea to Jericho

Hebrews 11:29-31

I. By Faith the People Crossed the Red Sea (vs. 29)

Hebrews 11:29 *By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.*

A. God Established a Testimony and Made a Name for Himself

Daniel 9:15 *"Now, O Lord our God, who brought your people out of Egypt with a mighty hand and who made for yourself a name that endures to this day, we have sinned, we have done wrong.*

B. From this moment on, this would be the point of reference for Israel

1. Later in the Exodus... right before they entered the Promised Land

Deuteronomy 11:2-4 *Remember today that your children were not the ones who saw and experienced the discipline of the LORD your God: his majesty, his mighty hand, his outstretched arm; 3 the signs he performed and the things he did in the heart of Egypt, both to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his whole country; 4 what he did to the Egyptian army, to its horses and chariots, how he overwhelmed them with the waters of the Red Sea as they were pursuing you, and how the LORD brought lasting ruin on them.*

2. When God recalled His history with the people at the end of Joshua's life (covenant re-established)

Joshua 24:6-7 *When I brought your fathers out of Egypt, you came to the sea, and the Egyptians pursued them with chariots and horsemen as far as the Red Sea. 7 But they cried to the LORD for help, and he put darkness between you and the Egyptians; he brought the sea over them and covered them. You saw with your own eyes what I did to the Egyptians. Then you lived in the desert for a long time.*

3. In the Psalms

Psalm 66:5-7 Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works in man's behalf! 6 He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot-- come, let us rejoice in him. 7 He rules forever by his power, his eyes watch the nations-- let not the rebellious rise up against him.

Psalm 77:14-20 You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples. 15 With your mighty arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph. Selah 16 The waters saw you, O God, the waters saw you and writhed; the very depths were convulsed. 17 The clouds poured down water, the skies resounded with thunder; your arrows flashed back and forth. 18 Your thunder was heard in the whirlwind, your lightning lit up the world; the earth trembled and quaked. 19 Your path led through the sea, your way through the mighty waters, though your footprints were not seen. 20 You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Psalm 78:12-13 He did miracles in the sight of their fathers in the land of Egypt, in the region of Zoan. 13 He divided the sea and led them through; he made the water stand firm like a wall.

As in many cases this Psalm contrasts God's power and faithfulness with Israel's faithlessness and rebellion

History is cited to show who God is, and to show how wicked and sinful Israel has been

Psalm 106:9-12 He rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried up; he led them through the depths as through a desert. 10 He saved them from the hand of the foe; from the hand of the enemy he redeemed them. 11 The waters covered their adversaries; not one of them survived. 12 Then they believed his promises and sang his praise.

13-22 But they soon forgot what he had done and did not wait for his counsel. 14 In the desert they gave in to their craving; in the wasteland they put God to the test. 15 So he gave them what they asked for, but sent a wasting disease upon them. 16 In the camp they grew envious of Moses and of Aaron, who was consecrated to the LORD. 17 The earth opened up and swallowed Dathan; it buried the company of Abiram. 18 Fire blazed among their followers; a flame consumed the wicked. 19 At Horeb they made a calf and worshiped an idol cast from metal. 20 They exchanged their Glory for an image of a bull, which eats grass. 21 They forgot the God who saved them, who had done great things in Egypt, 22 miracles in the land of Ham and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.

Psalm 136:13-15 to him who divided the Red Sea asunder His love endures forever. 14 and brought Israel through the midst of it, His love endures forever. 15 but swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea; His love endures forever.

4. In the Prophets

Isaiah 43:16-17 This is what the LORD says-- he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, 17 who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick

5. By Daniel in the Exile (as we saw above)
6. By Nehemiah

Nehemiah 9:9-11 "You saw the suffering of our forefathers in Egypt; you heard their cry at the Red Sea. 10 You sent miraculous signs and wonders against Pharaoh, against all his officials and all the people of his land, for you knew how arrogantly the Egyptians treated them. You made a name for yourself, which remains to this day. 11 You divided the sea before them, so that they passed through it on dry ground, but you hurled their pursuers into the depths, like a stone into mighty waters.

7. In the New Testament, by Stephen and in Hebrews

Acts 7:36 He led them out of Egypt and did wonders and miraculous signs in Egypt, at the Red Sea and for forty years in the desert.

Hebrews 11:29 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

C. This Became Part of Israel's Manner of Speaking: God Led Us Through the Waters

1. So therefore don't be afraid now

Isaiah 43:2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

2. God led us in the past... why has He forsaken us now??

Isaiah 63:11-15 Then his people recalled the days of old, the days of Moses and his people-- where is he who brought them through the sea, with the shepherd of his flock? Where is he who set his Holy Spirit among them, 12 who sent his glorious arm of power to be at Moses' right hand, who divided the waters before them, to gain for himself everlasting renown, 13 who led them through the depths? Like a horse in open country, they did not stumble; 14 like cattle that go down to the plain, they were given rest by the Spirit of the LORD. This is how you guided your people to make for yourself a glorious name. 15 Look down from heaven and see from your lofty throne, holy and glorious. Where are your zeal and your might? Your tenderness and compassion are withheld from us.

3. The future restoration of Israel likened to the past even of the Red Sea

Isaiah 43:16-19 This is what the LORD says-- he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, 17 who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick. 18 "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. 19 See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.

Zechariah 10:9-12 Though I scatter them among the peoples, yet in distant lands they will remember me. They and their children will survive, and they will return. 10 I will bring them back from Egypt and gather them from Assyria. I will bring them to Gilead and Lebanon, and there will not be room enough for them. 11 They will pass through the sea of trouble; the surging sea will be subdued and all the depths of the Nile will dry up. Assyria's pride will be brought down and Egypt's scepter will pass away. 12 I will strengthen them in the LORD and in his name they will walk," declares the LORD.

D. Making a Glorious Name for Himself... so that Lost Sinners will Call on the Name of the Lord

1. He says it three times in this chapter

Exodus 14:4 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them. But I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD." So the Israelites did this.

Exodus 14:17 I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen.

Exodus 14:18 The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen."

Joshua 4:23-24 For the LORD your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The LORD your God did to the Jordan just what he had done to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over. 24 He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful and so that you might always fear the LORD your God."

2. The result: Rahab's salvation... more in a moment!!!

A. The Most Celebrated and Powerful Event of the Old Testament

1. This became the single most mentioned and celebrated event in Israel's history

Daniel 9:15 "Now, O Lord our God, who brought your people out of Egypt with a mighty hand and who made for yourself a name that endures to this day, we have sinned, we have done wrong.

2. Again and again it is celebrated in the Psalms

Psalm 66:5-7 Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works in man's behalf! 6 He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot-- come, let us rejoice in him. 7 He rules forever by his power, his eyes watch the nations-- let not the rebellious rise up against him.

3. It was by hearing about this that Rahab believed in God and was saved

Joshua 2:10-13 We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt... When we heard of it, our hearts melted and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below. Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that you will show kindness to my family

4. Later Jews, when praying to God, would frequently remember the Red Sea crossing and refer to it... Nehemiah did, so did Isaiah, so also Daniel and many others

B. It was ONLY BY FAITH, However, that Israel Passed By!!!

C. But for the Faithless, nothing but Devastation!!

"... when the Egyptian tried to do so, they were drowned!"

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God

Hebrews 10:38-39 But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him." ³⁹ ¶ But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.

II. By Faith the Walls of Jericho Fell (vs. 30)

Hebrews 11:30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the people had marched around them for seven days.

A. The Faith of Israel... Forty Years Later

1. Notice the forty year gap in Hebrews 11
2. Verse 29... the Red Sea crossing
3. Verse 30... the conquest of Jericho

4. In between: the faithless generation that refused to trust God and enter the Promised Land

Deuteronomy 1:28 Where can we go? Our brothers have made us lose heart. They say, 'The people are stronger and taller than we are; the cities are large, with walls up to the sky. We even saw the Anakites there.'

Hebrews 3:7-11 So, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you hear his voice, ⁸ do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the desert, ⁹ where your fathers tested and tried me and for forty years saw what I did. ¹⁰ That is why I was angry with that generation, and I said, 'Their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.' ¹¹ So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.'"

Convicting!!! Forty years of faithless silence... I wonder how many of my days are spent in faithless, fruitless disobedience

5. But now... their children have grown up and are ready to take their place... trusting in the power of God to lead them into the Promised Land

B. Obstacles Facing them

1. The Jordan River at flood stage
2. The Awesome city of Jericho... the very one with “walls up to the sky”
3. They had no siege weapons... these were the days before gunpowder... so massive city walls like this were impenetrable by any but the most powerful, well-equipped army
4. This city HAD to be taken
 - a. If they had bypassed it, they would have given courage to all the Canaanites living in the land
 - b. They would have had a powerful armed foe at their rear always ready to pounce on them... and that foe would believe they could win
 - c. Worst of all... they would be forsaking a part of the Promised Land, believing God could not take it for them
 - d. UNTHINKABLE... the city had to be taken
5. So... the city WAS taken... by the most improbable means imaginable
 - a. Jericho was prepared for the siege

Joshua 6:1 Now Jericho was tightly shut up because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in.

- b. Through Joshua, God commanded the people very plainly what to do... detailed instructions step by step
- c. Day 1: march around the city's circumference in total silence... an armed guard leading the way... the Ark of the Covenant next... seven priests carrying trumpets next... the people after...
- d. Same thing for Day 2... and Day 3... and Day 4, 5, and 6
- e. Finally on Day 7: march in the same way around the city SEVEN TIMES... after the seventh time, then shout to the Lord for the city will be given into your hands and every man will go STRAIGHT IN
- f. On the seventh time... the walls of Jericho fell flat by the power of God and the Israelites rushed straight in and conquered it with ease

C. Lessons About God and His Ways [credit to A.W. Pink!!]

- 1. God's ways are radically different than our ways

Isaiah 55:8-9 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. ⁹ "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

- a. Has anyone ever heard of a mighty fortress like Jericho falling in such a strange manner?
- b. God has an endlessly creative list of new things to do in every generation:
 - i) An infant set adrift in a basket, rescued, grows to become the leader of his people... NEVER AGAIN REPEATED
 - ii) A giant warrior over nine feet tall felled in single combat by a shepherd boy wielding a sling... NEVER AGAIN REPEATED
 - iii) A prophet of God taken up to heaven in a chariot of fire... NEVER AGAIN REPEATED
 - iv) An enemy general covered with leprosy bathes in a river seven times and is instantly healed... NEVER AGAIN REPEATED
- c. God tells His people to do some strange things and then blesses their obedience and faith!!
- d. In facing any mighty walls back then, you had FOUR OPTIONS:
 - i) Go over the walls by means of siege towers or siege ramps

- ii) Go through the walls by means of siege engines like battering rams and catapults
 - iii) Go under the walls by means of tunneling
 - iv) Surround the city and starve it out over months
- e. In effect, God said “NONE OF THE ABOVE!!! I have my own plans for the conquest of this city... How about it the walls simply fall down after you walk around them?”
- f. God’s ways are truly not our ways
2. God is independent from all “laws of nature”
- a. Certainly God created the universe and set up consistent patterns by which the universe usually runs
 - b. The sun rises in the east and sets in the west; the order of seasons is established: spring, summer, fall, winter; gravity makes things fall in the same direction every time
 - c. If it were not for this, there would be no point in science, and we could never learn by experience...
 - d. BUT God is INDEPENDENT of these “laws of nature”!! They serve Him; He doesn’t bow to them
 - e. So, the walls of Jericho fall down for no apparent reason whatsoever!
 - f. There are no visible means at hand, and yet it happens anyway
3. Formidable obstacles and powerful oppositions face every advance of faith
- a. There would be no story to tell if the walls of Jericho were not so imposing
 - b. God delights in giving His people strong faith, and then testing that faith by such imposing obstacles
 - c. Easy paths of advance do not glorify God; overcoming obstacles of faith does
4. Satan’s strongholds CANNOT withstand a people fully relying on God

Luke 11:21-22 When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. ²² But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up the spoils.

- a. Canaan was Satan's kingdom... he had dominated it with its dark, blood-thirsty religion of child sacrifice and sexual perversion
- b. Jericho was the citadel of Satan's empire of Canaan... he was not going to give it up lightly
- c. But in the end, Satan's most powerful strongholds are no match for the power of Almighty God unleashed through the faith of His people
- d. Examples abound
 - i) The awesome walls of the Roman Empire, with its pagan shrines, luxuries, aqueducts, impeccably well-designed roads and buildings, and undefeatable legions could not withstand the steady advance of the gospel of Jesus Christ over the first three centuries of church history
 - ii) Again, the awesome walls of the Roman Catholic false doctrine, with all its political might and luxury and dark ignorance of God's word could not withstand the advance of the true gospel of Jesus Christ during the Reformation
 - iii) Again, the awesome walls of unreached people groups for the last three hundred years could not withstand the steady advance of the gospel of Jesus Christ under the humble hand of missionaries who have gone to India with William Carey, to Burma with Adoniram Judson, to China with Hudson Taylor, to Africa with Robert Moffat, to Ecuador with Jim Elliot, and to Irian Jaya with Don Richardson...
 - iv) SATAN'S WALLS KEEP TUMBLING DOWN!!!

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

5. All of these victories are won BY FAITH... that's the whole point of Hebrews 11

Hebrews 11:30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the people had marched around them for seven days.

Saphir: "Israel's history is the history of God's omnipotent saving grace and of man's faith. From heaven descend miracles, from earth ascends faith."

D. Lessons About Faith and Its Ways

1. The daring of their faith

- a. Crossed the Jordan River by the miraculous power of God... a symbol that God was every bit as powerful now as He had been under Moses and at the Red Sea crossing
- b. BUT NOW... they were on the other side, in enemy territory, with the Jordan at flood stage behind them... their “bridges were not burned...” there never HAD been any bridges... they were totally committed to the conquest now!!
- c. No houses, no walls of their own, naked and exposed to the Canaanites
- d. A.W. Pink: three degrees of faith
 - i) A faith which RECEIVES... coming to Christ like an empty-handed beggar and accepts Him as Lord and Savior, and accepts what He has promised to give
 - ii) A faith which RELIES or counts upon God to fulfill His promises
 - iii) A faith which RISKS, which dares something for the Lord
- e. Too few of us ever RISK anything by faith... too few of us stand up like Elijah taking on the prophets of Baal, or like David going single-handed to face Goliath, or like the Apostle Paul, going from one hostile city to the next to spread the gospel
- f. These Jews risked their lives on their faith

William Carey: “Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God.”

2. The obedience of their faith

- a. I have already recounted the detailed commands and instructions God gave them to follow
- b. These commands they DID follow, they obeyed them down to the detail
- c. They were to march in a certain order, at a specified hour, around the city a certain number of times...
- d. At the command of the Lord they were to be silent, and then at the command of the Lord they were to shout
- e. God’s commands may have appeared STRANGE, but they obeyed them nonetheless

3. The discipline of their faith

- a. They were under God’s discipline in this detailed obedience

- b. They were like well-disciplined soldiers
 - c. They did not venture their own opinions about how to conquer the city; they did not say “Why don’t we try a battering ram?” or another expert say “We could build a high siege ramp and get over the wall”
 - d. No, they quieted themselves and like good soldiers, they did what they were told
4. The patience of their faith
- a. Notice how patient they had to be
 - b. God ordained that the walls should not fall on their first trip around the city, neither on their second or third
 - c. As a matter of fact, even on the seventh day, God further exercised their patience to the extreme... they had to walk around seven times
 - d. All in all, the people walked around the walls THIRTEEN TIMES!!! And on none of those did the wall fall
 - e. They were being trained to wait upon the Lord
 - f. Then, at the right time, when God willed, the walls simply fell
5. The anticipation of their faith
- a. Notice they shouted BEFORE the wall fell down
 - b. It was the shout of faith, trusting God to do great things through them

Robert Moffat, early 19th century Scottish pioneer missionary to a very difficult people group in South Africa, the Bechuanas...

The Bechuanas' reception of Moffat's ministry ranged from stony indifference — to steeled intolerance — to incorrigible rejection. Moffat, who had now married an English sweetheart, "saw no reward for untiring work." That work, by the way, consisted of being a builder, a carpenter, a smith and a farmer all in one; while at the same time preaching... for years he labored with no visible results, no converts at all

Some of his friends in England wrote to him and asked him what present they could buy for him. I think they meant some book or some article of clothing or something to make him happy or more comfortable; he wrote back asking for a COMMUNION SET!! At the time he asked for it, there was not a single convert with whom he could take communion... when it arrived a few months later, there were TWELVE CONVERTS

Mark 11:24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

So it was with the Jews at Jericho... their faith was vindicated powerfully when the walls fell down by the supernatural power of God

III. By Faith Rahab Was Saved (vs. 31)

Hebrews 11:31 By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

A. It is AMAZING that this woman makes it into the “Hall of Faith!!”

1. Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, and now Rahab or all people
2. The salvation of Rahab an astonishing act of sovereign grace by God
 - a. Not only a Gentile, but an Amorite... under the curse of God, ready for destruction... the Amorites had been given 400 years to repent, and now the wrath of God was about to fall
 - b. Not only an Amorite, but a notorious sinner... a prostitute, an immoral woman
3. It is so obvious from this story that God is NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS whatsoever, but He chooses those who will most glorify His sovereign grace
4. There is nothing whatsoever in this woman that could have commended her to be chosen by God for salvation
5. It was by the sovereign pleasure of God alone that she escaped the wrath for which the rest of her countrymen were destined

B. Amazing Grace... but no Visible Means of Grace

1. What possibility did this woman have of faith?
2. There were no means of grace! No Sabbaths... no public reading of Scripture... no prophets to proclaim God’s word
3. Yet it is evident that she was regenerated and converted to faith in the God of the Jews before the spies ever visited her house

C. What Was the Point of the Red Sea Crossing?

1. God desired to “make a name for Himself” that would be proclaimed to the end of the earth

Exodus 9:16 But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.

Daniel 9:15 "Now, O Lord our God, who brought your people out of Egypt with a mighty hand and who made for yourself a name that endures to this day, we have sinned, we have done wrong.

2. Why? Is God like some vain movie star who wants everyone to know them?
3. No... it is out of compassion for lost sinners! Because this is the only way of salvation

Romans 10:13 "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

D. Rahab Had Heard Reports... and She Believed Them

1. Faith comes by the word... always

Romans 10:17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

2. Rahab was a prostitute living in the wall of the city of Jericho... her house was actually built into the wall! The very walls that God was intending to destroy
3. Joshua sent out two spies to scout out the land
4. These spies came to Rahab's house and she took them in
5. She then spoke to them and revealed the faith that God had already worked in her

Joshua 2:10-12 We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. ¹¹ When we heard of it, our hearts melted and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below. ¹² Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that you will show kindness to my family

6. Notice that, though all of Jericho was terrified of the Israelites, only Rahab was crying out for mercy... and only Rahab had the opportunity to do so
7. The sovereign providence of God brought the spies to the elect woman to save her
8. And as I said, she had faith BEFORE they came:

James 2:25 In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction?

9. It was BY FAITH that she gave them lodging to begin with... the faith was there before they came
10. And her faith worked in her a HOPE... a possibility that, because she had given lodging to the spies, that God might show her kindness and not destroy her with the rest of the city

Joshua 2:12 Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that you will show kindness to my family

11. And notice the BREADTH of her faith... reaching out also to protect her family

E. The Effect of Rahab's Faith: WORKS

1. James's whole point: true faith always produces certain works
2. Rahab's faith was shown to be genuine by her actions
3. These actions were plain evidence of the faith God had worked in her by the reports
4. She also sent the spies off in another direction to elude their captors
5. AND she hung the red cord from her window in obedience to the spies to identify her to the Israelites and to protect her family

F. The Imperfection of Rahab's Faith

1. She lied to the King of Jericho about the spies she was hiding on her roof
2. This shows that her faith did not make her a perfect person
3. Simply put, the Bible's view is that it is better to DIE than to LIE
4. Can you imagine Jesus lying to save Himself... or anyone else for that matter
5. Some have wondered about Corrie Ten Boom and other Dutch Christians who hid Jews from the Nazis... should we lie to save them?
6. Notice, however, that both Hebrews 11 and James 2 only celebrates her success and her faith!!!

G. The Outcome of Rahab's Faith

1. Rahab's faith SAVED her life

She was not destroyed with the DISOBEDIENT

2. AND Rahab's faith SAVED her soul
3. Her faith SANCTIFIED her and made her yearn for holiness; She gave up the life of a prostitute; she was accepted into the congregation of Israel; she married Salmon, of the tribe of Judah, and eventually became the mother of Boaz, grandmother of David... amazingly, then, this prostitute made it not only into the Hall of Faith but also the genealogy of Jesus Christ Himself

IV. Applications

- A. Come to Christ: The Exodus He Accomplished is Infinitely Greater and more glorious than what God did through Moses
- B. Stand in awe of the power of God in the Red Sea crossing... and though God will never do it again, He still deserves worship for it
- C. Trust in such a God... a God like this can do ANYTHING!!!
- D. Learn the spiritual lessons from the Jericho Event
 1. Understand the mighty obstacles that still face us... and trust God to tear them down
 2. Be willing to RISK things for the advance of the Gospel of Christ
 3. Know that Satan's walls can never stand in front of God's power working through faith-filled people
 4. Be willing to obey God's commands, even if they seem strange to you
- E. Praise God for His mercy in saving Rahab!!
- F. Allow your genuine faith to be displayed by obedient works