Faith That Works

Greg Kline · Hebrews 11:23–30

INTRODUCTION

- What's interesting about these three Old Testament stories, is they really provide the basis to us for what faith is.
- For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith, apart from works, is dead.
- I must constantly be considering what does God want me to do? What does God expect from me?

1 The Passover: Was the Blood Just a Sign?

Exodus 11:4–10; Exodus 12:1–13; Hebrews 11:28

- The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you.
- Consider that what God had given them was a chance at grace, a chance to obey him and to be saved by obeying him.
- God said, do this and you will live. And so the people did it.
- Christ is our Passover Lamb. If we will simply seek out Him and His blood and take advantage of His sacrifice, we will be saved.
- God chose to honor the sign that he had told his people to fulfill and obey.
- If we put our faith in God, the deliverer, we will be delivered.

2 By Faith They Crossed the Red Sea

Exodus 14:5–21; Hebrews 11:29

- Fear not, stand firm and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today.
- Tell the people of Israel to go forward.
- Did they deliver themselves from Egypt? Of course not.
- God does the impossible so that man can do the possible.
- We can take advantage of the impossible mountain that God moved for us. But it very well may require us to do something, to obey God.
- They simply had faith that God could do what he said, and that trusting in God would deliver them.

3 By Faith the Walls of Jericho Fell

Hebrews 11:30; Joshua 5:1–15; Joshua 6:1–10

- By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.
- And the Lord said, See, I have given Jericho into your hand.
- God delivered Jericho to his people, but they did something about it.
- God's people who obeyed him were given the land of Jericho because of their obedience and faith in God.

- God made the impossible happen. We can take advantage of the possible that He requires of us.
- A real faith is a faith that works, mountains can move.

4 The Objection: Those Are Old Testament Examples

Hebrews 11:4; Hebrews 11:7; Hebrews 11:8

- By faith, Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain.
- Abel offered. Noah constructed. Abraham obeyed. Abraham offered.
- Were those just signs? Yes, they were signs, but they were not just signs because God told them those were the signs.
- Baptism is powerful because God told us that's what to do. That is New Testament, brothers and sisters.
- God wants us to be saved, and he tells us how we can do it.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Will we receive a commendation? Do we have faith?**

MY NOTES