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Digging deeper: Hebrews 11:30-40 (God's Faithfulness)

Slide 1 (7 min)

- According to Joshua 2:8-21, what did the people of Jericho know about the Israelites?
- How did Rahab show faith that her community lacked?
- How do these instructions for Rahab tie into Exodus 12:21-42 and 23:27-28?

Slide 2: (10 min)

In Hebrews 11:34, it says, "Their weakness was turned to strength."

- What were these believers going through at the time, and what enabled this change from weakness to strength?
- What hope can you gain from 2 Corinthians 12:3-10, 2 Timothy 1:7-8, and Hebrews 4:15
- How are you relying on the Lord today to give you strength?

Slide 3: (8 min)

- According to Hebrews 11:35, what is *key* to where we place our hope?
- How do verses 36-40 oppose the prosperity gospel?
- How can knowing this give you the courage to share more about Christ with others?

Cathy's Observations

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- According to Joshua 2:8-21, what did the people of Jericho know about the Israelites?
(They were living in terror because of how the Israelites had success in escaping Egypt and conquering Sihon and Og; their hearts melted with fear)
- How did Rahab show her faith?
(She knew and believed that the God of the Israelites was the supreme God of heaven and earth; she also believed God was giving them her land; she followed their instructions and was saved by the spies)
- How do these instructions tie into Exodus 12:21-42, 23:27-28?
(The blood on the doorposts and the people must remain inside and not go out, lest they be exposed to the judgment God was bringing on the Egyptian gods and the firstborn; the Lord would also send terror ahead of them to drive out the inhabitants of the land.)

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- What were these believers going through at the time, and what enabled this change from weakness to strength?
(persecution; being hunted down, fed to lions, etc.; their looking ahead to their great reward gave them the strength to endure)
- What hope can you gain from 2 Corinthians 12:3-10, 2 Timothy 1:7-8, Hebrews 4:15
(Christ's power can work in us to give us the strength to endure hardships and persecution; as we suffer for the sake of the Gospel, God's Spirit gives us strength to endure; our example is Christ, who suffered unto death.)
- How are you relying on the Lord today to give you strength?

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- According to Hebrews 11:35, what is key to where we place our hope?
(focusing on our life after the resurrection; focusing on our eternity)
- How do verses 36-40 oppose the prosperity gospel?
(If we are living for the truth of the Gospel, we will need to live through types of hostility from nonbelievers; our best life is not now monetarily, but may often involve suffering for Christ's sake)
- How can knowing this give you the courage to share more about Christ with others?