

BY FAITH WE RISK

Hebrews 11:23-31

MESSAGE RECAP

This week's message continues to look through one chapter dedicated to telling the story of faith. We are moving from the stories of Genesis to the stories of Exodus and Joshua. This week's focus is on Moses, Joshua, and Rahab, each of whom exemplified faith by taking risks in obedience to God's call. These stories remind us that faith often involves stepping out of our comfort zones, taking risks, and trusting in God's faithfulness, even when the outcome is uncertain. By Faith, the safest thing you can do is take a risk.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How is your faith...really?
2. Have you ever felt led to take a risk, but your fears talked you out of it? Why? How does that conversation usually look for you?
3. Moses' Parents (Amram and Jochebed). Read Hebrews 11:23 and Exodus 1:8-14. Despite the circumstances, they trusted God's plan for their son's life and took the risk of hiding him. How does the faith of Moses' parents serve as an example for us in facing challenges and parenting?
4. Moses: Read Hebrews 11:24-28. Moses was raised as Egyptian royalty, faced a defining moment where he had to choose the comfort of his position and identify with his oppressed people. He risked everything for the sake of his faith. How does Moses' choice challenge us to prioritize faith over comfort and worldly success in our own lives?
5. The Faith of the Israelites: Read Hebrews 11:29-30. The Israelites' journey through the Red Sea is a powerful testament to God's work in their lives, yet three weeks later they couldn't see a way through the giants of the promised land. It would take a new generation of faith to bring the walls of Jericho down. In what ways have you seen God show up in one area, but the next time you faced a challenge your fears set in? In what ways do you need to be reminded to have faith over fear?
6. Rahab Risky Faith: Read Hebrews 11:31. Despite her past, her act of faith saved her and her family. She would be named in the lineage of Jesus. How does Rahab's story inspire us to see beyond our limitations and past mistakes, and to take bold steps of faith?