



The Faith of the Israelites – Part One

“What Do You Do When You Run Out of Road?”

Text: Hebrews 11:29



Introduction: There are so many people in this Hall of Fame of Faith that are mentioned by name. But those that are not mentioned by name are certainly not less significant. Every man and woman that has stood up for their Lord and responded to the tasks assigned them with faith and perseverance will be given a great reward. The Israelites may have been weak, but they had enough faith to follow some of these great leaders mentioned in this chapter. In order to appreciate this story, let's go back to the context. Read Exodus 14:10-14 with me. Have you ever found yourself driving in the wrong direction? Have you ever lost your brakes? Have you ever run out of road? (Lost in Albertville – rain, back roads). What do you do when you run out of road?

Discussion:

I. Don't Panic

I John 4:18 - There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

II Timothy 1:7 - God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

II. Let God Work

Jeremiah 10:23 - I know, O LORD, that a man's life is not his own; it is not for man to direct his steps.

Proverbs 14:12 – There is a way that seems right to a man. But the end is the way of death.

III. Put On Your Safety Belt

Exodus 14:14 - The Lord will fight for you, and you won't need to lift a finger!"

Romans 8:31 - What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?

IV. Enjoy The Ride

Remember you may have been on the wrong road (Matthew 7:13-14)! There is a “straight road” and a “broad road.”

Romans 8:28 – And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Conclusion: Have you run out of road? NEWSFLASH: GOD IS STILL GOD!!! What does Matthew 17:20 say? What will you do now? All you need is a little faith to believe He is the Son of God . . . a little faith to confess Jesus as your Lord. . . a little faith to turn your life over to Him and repent of your past . . . a little faith to become His disciple by being baptized for the remission of your sins. . . a little faith to trust Him along the journey of a lifetime. . . and sometimes . . . just a little faith to receive His forgiveness when you fall or just a little faith when you need are weak. Will you give Him your life now?