



## The Faith of the Israelites – Part Two

“What Do You Do When You Run Into A Wall?”

Text: Hebrews 11:30



Introduction: There are so many people in this Hall of Fame of Faith that are mentioned by name. 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 and look at the context. Read Joshua 6:1-6 with me. Has anyone ever had their trip or plans delayed because of car trouble or slow drivers? Have you ever found yourself headed in the right direction but you stumble into a roadblock or traffic? What do you do when you run into a wall?

### Discussion:

#### I. Take Inventory

Psalm 52:1 – The goodness of God endures continually.

Ephesians 1:3 – Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.

#### II. Don't Second Guess The Map

Deuteronomy 29:2-4 – You have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land-- the great trials which your eyes have seen, the signs, and those great wonders. Yet the LORD has not given you a heart to perceive and eyes to see and ears to hear, to this very day. – Open your eyes! Follow!

James 1:2-3 – My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

#### III. Keep Your Eyes on the Road

Hebrews 12:1-2 – Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

1 Peter 2:21 - For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps

#### IV. Don't Look Back

Luke 9:62 – No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

II Peter 3:11-12 - Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God.

Conclusion: Have you run into a wall? **NEWSFLASH: GOD IS STILL GOD!!!** What does Matthew 17:20 say? What will you do now? All you need is a little faith. God promises He will never leave you or forsake you! Will you give Him your life now? Will you learn to trust Him?