

week 27
Something Better
Hebrews 11:30-40

Total Time: 60 minutes (flexible)

opening prayer

"Jesus, thank You for welcoming us into Your family through Your grace. Help us trust You in every season, and remind us that our hope rests in You, our Something Better. Amen.

highlights & connection

opening reflection

- Have you ever felt like an outsider looking in?
- What makes someone feel like they truly belong?

Bridge Statement: Rahab wasn't welcomed because she deserved it. She was welcomed because she believed. The gospel has always been about grace.

Key Reminder: Faith welcomes outsiders into the family of God.

scripture focus

Read Aloud: Hebrews 11:30–40 , Joshua 2:10–11 , James 2:25

Context (Leader Summary)

The chapter concludes by moving quickly through many heroes before landing on Rahab and the promise of "something better."

Rahab's story reminds us that God's family has always been built by grace, not pedigree.

The chapter also reminds us that faith sometimes experiences miraculous victory and sometimes faithful endurance—but both glorify God.

main discussion focus

Key Truth # 1 - Faith Welcomes Outsiders

- Rahab was outside God's covenant people
- Her past did not disqualify her
- Faith welcomed her into God's family

Discuss

- Why do people often believe they have to "clean themselves up" before coming to God?
- How does Rahab challenge that thinking?

Key Insight: Faith is not about where you started. Faith is about who you trust.

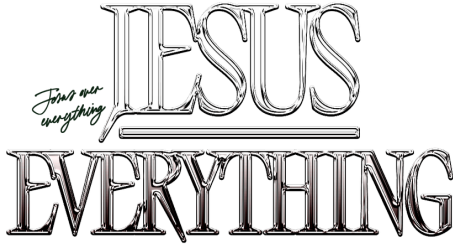
Key Truth # 2 - Faith Becomes Visible Through Obedience

- Rahab believed God's promises. She welcomed the spies. She hung the scarlet cord. Her faith became visible through obedience.

Discuss

- Why is obedience such an important evidence of genuine faith?
- Where might God be asking you to act instead of simply believe?

Key Insight: Faith is invisible until it becomes obedience.



Key Truth # 3 - Faith Trusts God in Triumph and in Suffering

- Some conquered kingdoms. Others endured persecution. Both were commended for their faith.

Discuss

- Why do we naturally assume faithfulness should always produce comfort or success?
- How does Hebrews redefine victory?

Key Insight: God measures faithfulness differently than the world measures success.

Key Truth # 4 - God Has Provided Something Better

- None of the heroes received the fullness of the promise. They looked ahead to Christ. We look back to Christ. Together we belong to one family of faith.

Discuss

- What does "something better" mean for believers today?
- How does knowing Christ change the way you read Hebrews 11?

Key Insight: Every hero points beyond themselves to Jesus.

Key Truth # 5 - Redemption Changes Generations

- Rahab became part of Jesus' family line. God's grace didn't simply rescue her. It rewrote her story. Her redemption shaped future generations.

Discuss

- What kind of spiritual legacy do you hope to leave?
- How has someone else's faith changed your life?

Key Insight: What God redeems in your generation becomes something better in the next.

renewal - Living the Better Story

Part A- Receiving Grace

Discuss:

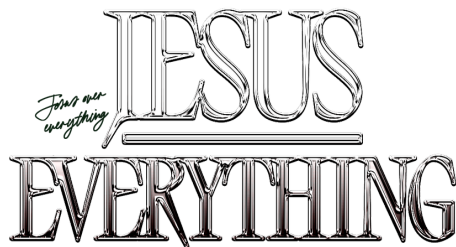
- Where do you most identify with Rahab?
- Is there part of your story you still struggle to believe God can redeem?

Part B- Living as Family

Discuss:

- What does it look like to welcome outsiders the way Jesus welcomed us?
- How can our group become a place where people truly belong?

Key Insight: Jesus doesn't simply rescue people from judgment. He welcomes them into His family.



missional living - Extending Grace

Each person answers:

- Who in my life feels like an outsider?
- How can I intentionally move toward them this week?
- How can I demonstrate the welcome of Christ?

Next Week Follow-Up:

- Where did you intentionally extend grace?
- How did God use your witness?

prayer

1. **Gratitude:** "Thank You for welcoming me into Your family..."
2. **Trust:** "Help me believe You can redeem every part of my story..."
3. **Mission:** "Use me to help others experience Your grace..."

final takeaways

- Faith welcomes outsiders into God's family.
- Faith becomes visible through obedience.
- Faith trusts God in triumph and suffering.
- Jesus is God's "something better"
- Redemption changes generations.

memory verse

"Since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect."
Hebrews 11:40

discipleship journey connection

This week is about: Gospel Witness

Encourage:

- Receiving God's grace personally.
- Extending grace generously.
- Trusting Christ through every circumstance.
- Living with eternity in view.
- Remembering that every story finds its fulfillment in Jesus.