

“Heroes Of The Faith” – JOSHUA

INTRODUCTION: What is the FOCUS of **Hebrews Ch. 11**?

- What does the Bible tell us of the SIZE of our God? Ps. 145:3
- The GREATER we see our God, the EASIER to trust Him!

Hebrews 11:29, 30 – A big river in front ... a big army behind.

Exodus 14:11-12 – They complain TO Moses, ABOUT Moses.

14:13-14 – Moses went to God with this problem.

14:15-16 – Trusting God might not always make much SENSE!

- Adam & Eve ... Gideon ... David ... 1 Cor. 1:25

14:19-20 – God was bigger than any problem they would encounter.

14:21-31 – God got a lot bigger in their eyes that day.

1 After 2 years, they reach the “*Promised Land*” – Numbers 13:31

2 They lost sight of the BIGNESS of God ... 38 years to WAIT.

Joshua 3:5 – They need to see AGAIN the BIGNESS of God.

3:14-17 – “*déjà vu*” all over again! But, there’s JERICHO!

5:13 – The ANSWER doesn’t match the QUESTION ... **5:14a**

5:14-15 – God was IN CHARGE, not Joshua.

6:1-5 – Joshua gets his “*orders*” from God, Jesus.

- “7” is the number of “*completion, perfection*” ... a “*perfect*” plan.

- God wants to get all the CREDIT ... He always does!

- This took FAITH, that God was SMARTER than they were.

6:20 – God knew what He was doing!

Sometimes, following God doesn’t make any SENSE.

1 SALVATION – Not by “*works*” – Ephesians 2:8-9

2 NO REVENGE – Romans 12:19-21, Mt. 5:39 – God’s better at it.

3 LOVE THE UNLOVELY – John 13:34 – It’s not natural.

God’s Commandments have a PURPOSE – 1 John 5:3, Prov. 14:12

CONCLUSION:

1 God is BIGGER than we are ... don’t lose sight of that.

- When we do, God sends a “*Jericho*” into our lives.

2 There’s a REASON why God does all that He does.

3 Only our FAITH in God, will limit Him working in our lives.