

**Study of Hebrews #55**

**“Living by Faith: Lessons from the Red Sea Crossing”**

**Text: Hebrews 11:29**

I. Introduction and review

1. Faith is fearless in an evil world.
2. Faith is separate from the world system.
3. Faith is committed to God and His plan.
4. Faith is focused on things unseen.
5. Faith is trusting in the power of the blood of Jesus.

II. Lessons from the Red Sea crossing (Exodus 14:1 – 15:2)

1. In fearful times, faith cries out to the Lord (Ex. 14:10).
2. In warlike times, faith is confident that the battle belongs to the Lord (Ex. 14:13-14).
3. In uncertain times, faith presses on (Ex. 14:15).
4. In difficult times, faith trusts God to make a way (Ex. 14:21-22).
5. In victorious times, faith never forgets to praise the Lord (Ex. 15:1-2)

IV. Conclusion – a final word

## QUOTES

### 1. Al Mohler:

*Verse 29 mentions one of God's most extraordinary and miraculous displays of his lordship: the parting of the Red Sea. It was a foretaste of the redemption that would come when Jesus liberated sinners. The author of Hebrews, an inspired interpreter of the Old Testament, makes explicit what is implicit in Exodus: it took faith in the trustworthiness of God to walk across the seafloor as one would on dry land. What held the water back? God, in his providence, keeping his covenant promise to Israel.*

### 2. Matthew Henry:

*God brings us into straits that He may bring us to our knees.*

### 3. A. W. Pink:

- *But here a difficulty presents itself, and a formidable one it has proved unto most of those who sought to grapple with it. In our text we are told that, "By faith they passed through the Red Sea," whereas in Hebrews 3:18, 19 it is said, "And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief." Was, then, their faith only a temporary one, like that of the stony-ground hearers? No, for the "faith" mentioned in every other verse in Heb. 11 was a saving one, and we dare not arbitrarily assume this in v. 29 was an altogether different one.*
- *But, it may be asked, did not the unbelieving portion of the Nation also pass safely through the Red Sea? Truly, and herein we have illustration of the fact that unbelievers are frequently made partakers of temporal blessings as the result of their association with people of God.*

### 4. Kent Hughes:

*The phrase "by faith" in [v.29] is charitable to a fault if it is read without reference to Moses... The reason this is overly charitable is that Israel did not show faith but held back in craven fear, decrying Moses [in the next two verses]... Their faithlessness is corroborated by the fact that all of them later died in the desert because of their lack of faith, with the exception of Joshua and Caleb.*

### 5. D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones:

*I do not care what the circumstances may be, the Christian should never be agitated, the Christian should never be beside himself, the Christian should never be at his wit's end ... It implies a lack of trust and confidence in Him.*

## SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE:

- 2 Cor. 4:16-18; 1 Cor. 10:11
- Deut. 20:3; Phil. 4:6; John 14:27; Ps. 116:3-4; Ps. 120:1; Jon. 2:1-2
- Deut. 1:29-30; 2 Chron. 20:15; 1 Sam. 17:45-47; Ps. 118:6; Rom. 8:31, 37; 2 Tim. 3:11
- Eph. 6:10-12; Heb. 2:14
- Phil. 3:14; James 4:8; 1 Cor. 10:3
- Ps. 34:19; Ps. 50:15; Is. 43:19; 2 Pet. 2:9
- Gal. 1:3-4; 2 Tim. 4:18; Col. 1:13
- Ps. 92:1-4; Ex. 15:13-18