



**Evidentiary Faith  
(Show Me What Ya  
Got!) Part 1  
Joshua 2:9-11**

# The Pandemic Is the Perfect Time for God to Look for the Evidence of Faith in His People

- In this story, the Israelites were about to enter “The Promised Land.” Moses, the great lawgiver, had already passed. The *nation* was now at the banks of the Jordan River
- On three occasions in Joshua chapter 1 (verses 6,7, and 9), God tells Joshua to be strong and courageous
- It does takes strength and courage to be a good leader
- Your driving force can’t be, *“I want to be liked!”*
- Our leaders (elders, deacons, and ministers) know that managing a church at this time in our lives takes consistent spiritual and emotional strength. Decisions have to be made that may be unpopular (Rip it and Sip it)
- The principle must be what, scripturally, is in the best interest of the church (good family decisions have the same principle)

# In Joshua 1:11 They Were Told to Wait Three Days On the River Banks Before Crossing Over To Canaan!

- They are told to get their supplies ready; for three days later, they were to cross the Jordan River and defeat Jericho
- One of the hardest things for the children of God to do is to WAIT on the blessings of God (God must have a purpose)

If you are waiting on a job/promotion as a child of God

If you are waiting for the right husband/wife (remember the probationary period)

Some wait on the right medical procedure

Wait for the Pandemic to help define “the new normalcy.”

Jesus said in Luke 21:19, *“In your patience (steadfastness) possess ye your souls.”*

# Why Did God Want Them to Wait Three Days Before Crossing the River to Capture Jericho?

## #1 There Was a Soul to Be Saved

- In chapter 2, before destroying Jericho, Joshua had sent out spies into that city
- The spies were forced to hide in a woman's house in the city, whose name was Rahab
- She made the spies promise that since she hid them, they had to save her and her household when they came to war.
- The spies promised her that they would do so; Joshua 6:23

## Question: How Did Rahab Acquire Her Faith?

She wasn't an Israelite and is listed in Hebrews 11 (H.O.F.)

# Rahab Acquired Her Faith Like We Acquire Ours; Hebrews 11:6

- In Joshua chapter 2 she says to the spies, *“I know that the Lord hath given you the Land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.”* Joshua 2:9-10
- She recounts the drying of the Red Sea by the Israelite God
- She recounts the two Amorite Kings and Kingdoms destroyed

**Therefore, Her Faith in God Was Acquired By the Supernatural Evidence of the Presence of God in the Life of God’s People!**

- All of the cities in Canaan were afraid of the Israelites because of the factual evidence of what the Israelite army had already accomplished, and the city of Jericho was next

# **One Of the Most Important Factors in Saving People's Lives is the Supernatural Evidence of the Presence of God in the Life of the Child of God!**

## **Where is Your Evidence?**

**(Show Us What Ya Got!) James 2:18**

- I suggest to you that one of the items attracting men and women today to the church of Christ, is how its Christians handle everyday problems**
- How Christians handle their battles attracts non-believers to the faith (Why? Non-believers have many of the same battles)**
- How you handle everyday problems is an indicator of the supernatural presence of God in your life, 2 Corinthians 11:25 Galatians 2:20**

## Philippians 2:12-13

***“Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.”***

- **People in society are looking at us as Rahab looked at the Israelites; How are we handling these difficult times?**
- **If we as Christians are always depressed, in tears at work, grading out poor performances when we can do better, always complaining about life and its consequences—people generally will not be attracted to our faith; Matthew 5:16**

# Observations

- How we, as Christians, handle difficulties in our homes is indicative of the supernatural presence of God in the life of the child of God
- I've seen Christian marriages headed for divorce saved by the supernatural presence of God in one or both of their lives; Matthew 16:24

*“Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.”*

*1 Peter 3:1-2*

- Peter says your husband would likely be converted if he saw a sermon rather than heard one (the supernatural presence of God in your life)



- **How Christians handle difficulties at work is indicative of the presence of God in the life of the child of God. How we handle our enemies; Matthew 5:44**
- **How Christians handle their own illnesses is an indicator of the presence of God in the life of the child of God**

***“Do we begin to commend ourselves? Or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you?”***

***Ye are our epistles written in our hearts, known and read of all men:” 2 Corinthians 3:2***

- **How you choose to live represents the God in you!**

# Then Because of Your Consecrated Life, People Will Start Questioning You

*“I understand that you sing without instrumental music like the church in the Bible.”*

*“I understand that you have a plurality of leaders, called elders, like the church in the Bible.”*

*“I understand that all of your members are simply brothers and sisters, and there are no ‘Right Reverends,’ or ‘Most Holy Reverends,’ or other flattering titles like the church in the Bible.”*

*“I also understand that all of your members are baptized into Christ and take Holy Communion every Lord’s Day, like the church in the Bible.”*

***What Are Your People Trying To Be?***

# **The Church in the Bible!**

**Romans 16:16**

# The Plan Of Salvation

**Hear the Gospel**

**Acts 15:7**

**Believe the Gospel**

**Acts 15:7**

**Repent of Sins**

**Acts 17:30**

**Confess Christ**

**Acts 8:37**

**Be Baptized**

**Acts 8:38**