

Faith as Our
STRENGTH *Hebrews 11:29-38*

Big Idea: Faith is the conduit through which God's power and provision flow into our lives.

1.) By faith, the dead are DELIVERED (v. 29, 31).

- v. 29 – Moses trusted in God, and by faith, a people on the brink of destruction was delivered.
- v. 31 – By faith, Rahab was delivered from certain death (Joshua 2:8-11).
- The deliverance from death that we see in these verses is a lesser picture of the deliverance from death that we receive in Christ (Ephesians 2:4-8).

2.) By faith, the frail are FORCEFUL (v. 30, 32-35a).

- v. 30
 - God's plan for victory in Jericho was all about the power of faith (Josh. 6:2-5).
 - A powerless people with a seemingly powerless plan were made amazingly forceful by faith.
- v. 32-35a
 - v. 32 – This list is tremendously ENCOURAGING because it demonstrates that there is power in Christ for the powerless.
 - v. 33-35a – Here we are given a rapid-fire Old Testament portrait of how God has worked His almighty strength through otherwise powerless people.

-- The force given to frail people in these verses is a portrait of the power for holy living that we receive by faith in Christ.

- Once powerless against sin and its consequences, we are given power over sin by faith (Romans 6:17-18, Ephesians 3:20).
- By faith, Christ, has accomplished and continues to accomplish in us what we cannot accomplish ourselves.
- Without faith, humanity is frail. But by faith, the frail are made forceful.
- Faith is the conduit through which God's power and provision flow into our lives.