FAITH THAT PLEASES GOD III: TOGETHER MADE PERFECT

Hebrews 11:30-40 Key Verses: 11:39-40

"These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect."

- 1. To what event does "the walls of Jericho fell" refer (30a; Jos 6:12-20)? Why did this require faith, and who exercised faith (30b)? How is Rahab's faith described, why was her inclusion significant, how was she rewarded (31; Jos 2:1,9-14; 6:22-25; Mt 1:5)?
- 2. Who does the author further mention (32-33a; Jdg 4:14-15; 7:19-25; 11:29-33; 16:28-30; 1Sa 17:34-37; 2Sa 8; 1Sa 7:10-11)? What made these people notable?
- 3. What acts of unnamed people are mentioned (33b-35a; Dan 3:16-18; 6:21-22; 1Ki:17-24; 2Ki 4:18-37)? What are the common factors in these acts?
- 4. What different characteristic can you find in the acts mentioned in verses 35b-38? In what sense was the resurrection they hoped for "better" (35; 1Co 15:42-44,49; Php 3:21)? How does God see those mistreated by the world because of their faith (38a)?
- 5. Read verses 38-39. What do all people mentioned in Hebrews 11 have in common? To what does God's better plan refer (40a; 8:10-12; 9:15)? How do the words "only together with us...be made perfect" reveal God's ultimate goal (40b; 10:14)?