A. The Nature of Faith (vs. 1-4):

1. It confronts the problem head on:
   a) Jericho shut up the gates as though they were imprisoning themselves.
   b) All movement in and out of Jericho stopped.
   c) Israel was near the city walls of Jericho and can be on them in no time.
   d) As Rahab stated, the history of Israel preceded them.

2. It is seeing through God’s eyes:
   a) The Lord of Host who is all powerful, who has all authority and desires a relationship with His people summoned Joshua to hear His words. What He is saying can always be said.
   b) Joshua needs to accept the words of the Lord of Host who is providing him a clear understanding concerning what God was going to do.
   c) Joshua can see only because the Lord of Host provided him a full understanding of a message. Joshua needs to accept the message humbly since it was coming under the authority of the Lord.

3. It trust God’s promises:
   a) This is a gift from God. It is not something they have earned.
   b) What the Lord of Host is saying is something that has been activated generously and is immovable.
   c) Joshua and Israel has been provided the ability to take the land.
   d) The land will become Israel's possession and they will have dominion over it.

4. It overcomes all obstacles no matter how great they may be.
   a) They will possess the land even though Jericho has strong prevailing proven warriors.

5. It demands obedience.
   a) They must condition themselves to have a mind to walk around in circles.
   b) They have an ethical obligation and must maintain a deep commitment to following the instructions provided by the Lord of Host.
   c) They must lift up and bear the responsibility of carrying the ark the entire journey.
   d) On the seventh day they must persistently blow their trumpets.

B. Faith is Always Rewarded (vs. 4-5; Hebrews 11:6):

1. Whatever is going to take place no one can stop it.
2. When they have given their undivided attention to the sound and clearly understand what to do, they must act.
3. The people, upon hearing the trumpet, must cry out with a loud voice.
4. The walls that everyone in the city trusted will not protect them.
5. God will bring down the walls so that the warriors of Israel can go right in.
6. The total focus would be what is right in front of them.
7. Their victory will be right in front of them.