

**Epic Faith and the Rational Mind**  
*Next Gen Faith*  
Joshua 6:1-5

**Intro:** Ancestry.com

1. Every generation has a **faith story** (Amistad clip 1)
  - A. That revolves around generational **leadership**
  - B. That revolves around generational **challenges**
  - C. That revolves around generational **successes** and **failures**
  
2. Every subsequent generation has to **write its own**
  - A. God's **promises** are new to each generation (Joshua 1:1-5)
  - B. God's **standards** are *not* new for each generation (Joshua 1:6-9)
  - C. God's **outcome** requires the same kind of faith process (Joshua 1:10-6:5)

**Conclusions** (Amistad clip 2)

1. Faith is never a reality until it becomes a **possession**.
2. Faith is never a reality until it finds **expression**.

## Connect Group Study Guide

5-11-14

1. Do you know your parents' faith story? Do you know their parents' faith story? How has your faith story been influenced by theirs? If not by them, by whom?
2. What did the previous generation of Israelites get right? What did they get wrong? Give examples.
3. What did God promise the "Exodus generation"? What did He promise their children? What does this say about God?
4. What were God's standards of the "Exodus generation"? What were His standards for their children?
5. How much faith was required for Joshua to send out two spies; for the Israelites to cross the Jordan; for the men to be circumcised; for the people to actually trust Joshua as their leader? How do you measure faith?
6. If you were one of those that witnessed the walls of Jericho falling, what would you tell your children about what happened?
7. How can we best handle the challenges of each new generation's rational questions regarding the validity of epic events in Scripture?