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Rahab Welcomes Spies

Today's Study: Joshua 2:8–13 | Joshua 6:15–17



Who's In The Story Today?

God: sovereign over Israel, Jericho, and history.

Joshua: Israels leader obeying God's instruction.

Rahab: a Jericho woman with courageous faith.

The spies: two men protected by Rahab's action.

Rahab's family: All covered by her intercession.

Lesson Aims 📖

- 1. Summarize what Rahab and the people of Jericho knew about God.**
- 2. Explain how Rahab's knowledge of God influenced her and led to Jericho's defeat.**
- 3. Recall an instance when God used an unexpected person to accomplish his will.**

Lesson Context

After forty years of wandering in the wilderness, the Israelites were on the verge of crossing the Jordan River into the promised land.

Moses has died, and the new leader, Joshua, initiated the conquest by sending two spies on a reconnaissance mission to evaluate the land of Canaan in general and the city of Jericho in particular (Joshua 2:1).

Lesson Context

Joshua undoubtedly wanted to know more about Jericho's fortifications and its inhabitants. Cities in the ancient world were situated in locations that favored three things: defensibility, access to water, and access to trade routes. Jericho was no exception.

📋 NOTES FOR TODAY'S LESSON!! ✍️

An unfavorable past is not a barrier for God.



Your current position may not be your last.



Rahab was Israel, yet she believed.



Her faith opened a door for her family.

Protection

God still uses surrendered lives today.

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JOSHUA 2:8-9 NRSV

**⁸ Before they went to sleep, she came up to
them on the roof**

**⁹ and said to the men, “I know that the LORD
has given you the land and that dread of you
has fallen on us and that all the inhabitants
of the land melt in fear before you**

JOSHUA 2:10 NRSV

¹⁰For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed.

JOSHUA 2:11 NRSV

¹¹ As soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no courage left in any of us because of you. The LORD your God is indeed God in heaven above and on earth below.

JOSHUA 2:12-13 NRSV

¹² Now then, since I have dealt kindly with you, swear to me by the LORD that you in turn will deal kindly with my family. Give me a sign of good faith.

¹³ that you will spare my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them and deliver our lives from death.”

★ FAITH OVER FEAR ★

Israel stands near the promise of Canaan.

Jericho appears secure, yet fear is present.

Rahab interprets God's acts as truth.

She acts in faith before the walls fall.

Her household is protected and rescued

Reflection Questions ?

- 1. Can you recall a time when you sensed God at work in a situation before others?**
- 2. How does God's presence and provision strengthen you when you feel uncertain?**
- 3. Share a note in the chat.**  

JOSHUA 6:15 NRSV

¹⁵ On the seventh day they rose early, at dawn, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times. It was only on that day that they marched around the city seven times.

JOSHUA 6:16 NRSV

¹⁶ And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, “Shout! For the LORD has given you the city.”

JOSHUA 6:17 NRSV

¹⁷ The city and all that is in it shall be devoted to the LORD for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall live because she hid the messengers we sent.

Are You Battle Ready ??

- 1. Is God calling you to do something that requires bold, obedient faith?**
- 2. Will you to act in faith before you see the results?**
- 3. Pray for discernment and direction, watch, listen and God will speak.**

Key Points to Remember

- 1. God is not limited by human labels.**
- 2. Faith begins when truth is received.**
- 3. Courage may require personal risk.**
- 4. One person's faith can bless many.**
- 5. God can turn an outsider into a witness.**

JOSHUA 6:24-25 NRSV

²⁴ They burned down the city and everything in it; only the silver and gold and the vessels of bronze and iron they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD. ²⁵ But Rahab the harlot, with her family and all who belonged to her, Joshua spared. Her family has lived in Israel ever since. For she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

When Obedience Becomes Action

Rahab believed in God based on what she heard he had done. Rahab, moved in faith for God, taking actions that could have cost her life.

True faith responds to God's presence despite the environment and opposition with full obedience, discipline and courage.

A Pause For Deliverance

- 1. What dead weight am I still carrying ?**
- 2. What negative residue is still living in me?**
- 3. Am I allowing the shame of my past to trick my mind into claiming a false identity?**
- 4. In the name of Jesus, deliver me from this pain and release my mind from shame.**

Closing Reflection

Rahab teaches that God uses total faith.

Rahab's past did not cancel her future.

Her location did not block God's mercy.

Her faith placed her family under protection.

Open yourself to be used by God today.

The Value of Faith

[Matthew 1:5](#) mentions Rahab as the mother of Boaz, she is the great-great-grandmother of King David, Rahab was a direct ancestor of Jesus Christ.

Rahab is mentioned in [Hebrews 11](#) the “hall of faith”.

Rahab’s actions are mentioned in [James 2:25–26](#) as an example of true, living faith.

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SINNER'S PRAYER

**“Lord Jesus Christ,
I Admit that I am a sinner and I ask for Your
forgiveness.**

**I Believe You died for my sins and rose from
the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to
come into my heart and life.**

**I Commit to trust and follow You as my Lord
and Saviour.**

In Your Name, Amen”

Closing Prayer

Lord God, you fulfill your will through unexpected people and in ways that confound our expectations.

Empower us through your Spirit to expect your unexpected ways so we can be better conduits of your grace and mercy. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.