



## Joshua 2:1-24

### Biblical Faith & Grace From an Unlikely Place

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- I. Biblical faith does not preclude \_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 2:1; Proverbs 30:25 & 21:20).
  
- II. Biblical faith produces \_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 2:2-7 & James 2:18 & 25).
  
- III. Biblical faith is anchored in \_\_\_\_\_ God is & \_\_\_\_\_ God has done (Joshua 2:8-11; Galatians 4:4-5; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; Acts 4:12).
  
- IV. Biblical faith prompts us to seek the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ even if it puts \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 2:12-14).
  
- V. Biblical grace is available to \_\_\_\_\_ who will \_\_\_\_\_ it (Joshua 2:1; Romans 3:23; 5:10; Ephesians 2:3; Hebrews 11:26; Mark 1:15; 1 Corinthians 15:1-5; Romans 10:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17; & Ephesians 4:22-24).

#### **Additional Notes:**



## Diving Deeper in Scripture Together

### Questions for Discussion & Reflection

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1. Can you define practical wisdom?
  2. What do you think the relationship is between practical wisdom and faith? Did this message change your views?
  3. How does Joshua demonstrate the balance between faith and wisdom? In Chapters 1-2 and in the book of Joshua as a whole?
  4. How does sending two spies demonstrate **both** faith **and** wisdom?
  5. How do the spies demonstrate both faith and wisdom?
  6. How does Rahab demonstrate both faith and wisdom?
  7. Was Rahab justified in lying? How does she practically handle the challenges facing her?
  8. How can we demonstrate faith and wisdom in our daily life? Our current decisions? Our work/school? See Proverbs 30:25 and 21:20.
  9. Is faith or wisdom harder for you to display in your day-to-day life? Why? How can you grow in this?
  10. Let's consider Rahab's deeds and her faith.
    - A. What deeds reveal Rahab's faith? How?
    - B. Read James 2:14, 19, 25-26. Which of Rahab's deeds does God commend? Why does God commend Rahab for her *deeds* and not her faith?
    - C. Prior to this, what did Rahab's deeds say about her?
    - D. What might her *words* reveal about her faith?
  11. How have your deeds changed since your conversion?
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12. Rahab's faith caused her to repudiate her past and her people and instead put her future on identifying with the people of God.
  - A. How have you repudiated your past?
  - B. Have you repudiated your people? Why or why not? Has your faith impacted your family relationships? Should it?
  - C. How do you identify with the people of God? How can you strengthen this identity?
  
13. "Faith is not believing in spite of evidence, but obeying in spite of consequence."
  - A. Are there places where you are seeking evidence when you shouldn't be? Are there places when you are ignoring evidence and calling it faith?
  - B. Do you believe that faith is "blind"? Why or why not? What does Scripture say about this?
  - C. Are there places where you fear consequences of a decision? Do you need to obey in spite of them? How can Scripture encourage you in this?
  - D. What are examples of people in Scripture who believed and obeyed despite consequences?
  - E. What are examples of people in Scripture who denied evidence or sought too much evidence?
  
14. Romans 10:17 tells us that faith comes from hearing.
  - A. What has Rahab heard? How has she responded?
  - B. How has everyone else in Jericho responded?
  - C. Are there other places in Scripture where these two responses are demonstrated?
  
15. "Biblical faith has works as its product, but it has God as its object because biblical faith is anchored in who God is and what God has done."
  - A. Explain the difference in your own words.
  - B. Does your faith and life demonstrate this principle?
  
16. "Rahab's...faith seeks the good of others even if it puts herself at risk."
  - A. Read Galatians 5:14 & James 2:8. How do these two principles apply to Rahab's situation?
  - B. How does she demonstrate true biblical love?
  
17. "Rahab...knew God's judgment was coming but only Rahab made peace with God..." How does knowledge of God's judgment impact us? What provides peace in the face of coming judgment? Do you have that peace?