

1. Why do you think the spies chose Rahab's house for lodging?

2. What words would you use to describe Rahab?

3. Why do you think Rahab risked her life for these two men?

4. What risks have you taken to ally yourself with God's people?

5. What did Rahab believe about God (2:9-11)?

How is what we know about God related to taking risks for our faith?

6. How would the agreement Rahab made with the men test her faith?

7. Read *Joshua 6:15-25*. What steps were taken to honor the oath made to Rahab?

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Rahab

An Unlikely Ally

Joshua 2; 6:15-25

Do you ever feel like you are living in enemy territory? Some people go around hoping no one will suspect they are Christians. It costs to identify yourself with the people of God. It can't be done without genuine faith.

GROUP DISCUSSION. "Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." The writer of Hebrews gives this definition of *faith*. What is your definition of *faith*?

What risks are involved in faith?

PERSONAL REFLECTION. Who do you think of as a faith-filled person?

After the death of Moses, God told Joshua to take the land of Canaan from the enemies of God. The major cities of Canaan were in reality small kingdoms, each ruled by a local king. The invasion point was in the plains of Moab on the far side of the Jordan. Joshua sent out a reconnaissance party to check out their first target—the city of Jericho. God had already prepared the heart of one woman in that city who became famous for her good deeds, her faith and her willingness to ally herself with God's people. *Read Joshua 2.*

How was God's reputation on the line?

8. Read what is said about Rahab in Hebrews 11:31 and James 2:25. Of all the women in the Old Testament, why do you think she is singled out for special comment?

9. Rahab is also mentioned in Matthew 1:5. What were the far-reaching effects of Rahab's decision to ally herself with God's people?

10. What kinds of people can God use to accomplish his purposes?

11. What risks is God calling you to take?

Pray that you will be bolder in taking risks that reveal your faith in God.

Now or Later

Begin to think about practical ways you can take the risk of letting others know of your faith in God and in his Son, Jesus. Be serious enough about this to make a list of specific people or actions that might help you be more open about who you are.