

Joshua 1:24 “They said to Joshua, “The Lord has surely given the whole land into our hands; all the people are melting in fear because of us.”

Lessons to remember from Rahab’s life!

A. God steered the spies to Rahab’s place.

B. God can save anyone if they trust in Jesus to be their Savior!

Genesis 15:6 “Abram believed the LORD, and He credited it to Him as righteousness.”

Ruth 1:16 “But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go, I will go, and where you stay, I will stay? Your people will be my people and your God my God.”

Joshua 1:11 “... for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.”

C. God starts a new work in us and the change is seen by all.

I Thessalonians 1:9b “... They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God.”

James 2:25 “In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did. When she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction?”

James 2:26 “As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.”

Matthew 1:5 “Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed whose mother was Ruth. Obed the father of Jesse, ^[6] And Jesse the father of King David.”

The Mission Joshua 2:1-18 Lesson #6 9/29/24

I. The spies were sent on a secret mission.

Joshua 1:1a “Then Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two spies from Shittim. “Go, look over the land,” he said, “especially Jericho””

II. The spies were sheltered during their mission.

Joshua 1:1b “... So they went and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there.”

III. The spies were spotted and the king wanted to end their mission.

A. The king searched for the spies.

Joshua 1:2 “The king of Jericho was told, “Look, some of the Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land.”

Joshua 1:3 “So the king of Jericho sent this message to Rahab: “Bring out the men who came to you and entered your house, because they have come to spy out the whole land.”

B. The king’s men were sent away.

Joshua 1:4 “But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. She said, “Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from.”

Joshua 1:5 “At dusk, when it was time to close the city gate, they left. I don’t know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You may catch up with them.”

C. The spies were safely hidden under the flax.

Joshua 1:6 “(But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax she had laid out on the roof.)”

Joshua 1:7 “So the men set out in pursuit of the spies on the road that leads to the fords of the Jordan, and as soon as the pursuers had gone out, the gate was shut.”

IV. The spies heard Rahab share her faith in God.

A. She spoke of the mighty work of God.

Joshua 1:8 “Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof.”

Joshua 1:9 “And said to them, “I know that the Lord has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you.”

Joshua 1:10 “We have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed.”^[b]

Joshua 1:11 “When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone’s courage failed because of you, for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.”

Deuteronomy 2:25 “This very day I will begin to put the terror and fear of you on all the nations under heaven. They will hear reports of you and will tremble and be in anguish because of you.”

B. She sought protection for her family.

Joshua 1:12 “Now then, please swear to me by the Lord that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign.”

Joshua 1:13 “That you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them—and that you will save us from death.”

V. The spies struck a deal with Rahab during their mission.

A. She was to keep their mission secret.

Joshua 1:14 “Our lives for your lives!” the men assured her. “If you don’t tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully when the Lord gives us the land.”

Joshua 1:15 “So she let them down by a rope through the window, for the house she lived in was part of the city wall.”

Joshua 1:16 “She said to them, “Go to the hills so the pursuers will not find you. Hide yourselves there three days until they return, and then go on your way.”

B. She was to place a scarlet cord in her window.

Joshua 1:17 “Now the men had said to her, “This oath you made us swear will not be binding on us.”

Joshua 1:18 “Unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down,”

C. She and her family were safe inside her house.

Joshua 1:18b “... and unless you have brought your father and mother, your brothers and all your family into your house.”

Joshua 1:19 “If any of them go outside your house into the street, their blood will be on their own heads; we will not be responsible. As for those who are in the house with you, their blood will be on our head if a hand is laid on them.”

Joshua 1:20 “But if you tell what we are doing, we will be released from the oath you made us swear.”

Joshua 1:21 “Agreed,” she replied. “Let it be as you say.” So, she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.”

Hebrews 11:31 “By faith, the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.”

VI. The spies started back at the conclusion of their mission.

Joshua 1:22 “When they left, they went into the hills and stayed there three days, until the pursuers had searched all along the road and returned without finding them.”

Joshua 1:23 “Then the two men started back. They went down out of the hills, forded the river and came to Joshua son of Nun and told him everything that had happened to them.”

Numbers 13:31 “... We can’t attack those people: they are stronger than we are.”