

Promised Land
Mighty Faith Calls Forth Mighty Courage
Sunday, January 8th, 2023

Joshua 2: 1-4, 8-12 NIV

Then Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two spies from Shittim. “Go, look over the land,” he said, “especially Jericho.” So they went and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there. ²The king of Jericho was told, “Look, some of the Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land.” ³So 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.” ⁴But 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.

⁸Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof⁹ 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. ¹⁰We 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. ¹¹When 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.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

1. **Look Over the Land.** Look through his Word and promises to see what God has for you. Can you see it? Will you receive it?
2. **Affirming Prophecy to Build Courage.** *Do you hear* when God is speaking through His Word and others affirming His plans for you?
3. **Faith Multiplies.** When have you seen someone else’s faith grow because of your faith and courage? Has someone done that for you?

Conclusion: Courage rises as our faith builds. Faith grows through increasing obedience. Let us look over the land and see it is good. Let us courageously obey all God asks us to do, believing His Words of victory for us. Let our mighty faith and courage send a ripple effect of growing faith to those around us.

LIFE GROUP LESSON
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Ice Breaker: When has your faith helped you have courage?

Read Joshua 2: 1-4, 8-12.

1. What did Joshua do before the battles began? (v.1)
2. What did Joshua instruct them to do? (v.1) Why?
3. What was their response?
4. Where did they stay? (v.1) Why is this included?
5. Who found out about their arrival? (v.2)
6. What did the king want Rahab to do?
7. What was Rahab’s response? Why would she do what she did?
8. What did Rahab confess to the spies? (v.9)
9. What did Rahab’s people hear about God and His chosen ones? (v.10)
10. What statement of faith did Rahab profess? (v.11)
11. Why is her profession of faith significant?
12. What did she ask for in return for her kindness to the spies? (v.12)
13. Read Deuteronomy 8: 7-9. What did God declare about the land He was giving to the Israelites? How do these promises relate to our lives today as Christians? Has He told you the good He has for you?
14. Read Jeremiah 7:23. What was required of Israel to remain in God’s promised blessings? Has this changed or remained the same?
15. Read Deuteronomy 2:25, 11:25. What did God declare to Israel? Why did He tell them this truth long in advance of the battles?
16. Read Joshua 2:11. What specific words did Rahab use when confessing to the spies the condition of her people? How significant was this to those spies? What does this teach you about how God affirms His promises and how we must listen for His affirmation?
17. Read Joshua 2:24. After hearing Rahab’s confession how did the spies respond when giving their report to Joshua? What did that scouting trip do for them and all of Israel?
18. What happened to Rahab in this scouting mission? What was her destiny prior to this interaction? How did her destiny change?
19. Read Joshua 6:25 and Matthew 1:5. How did God use Rahab in His divine plan to bring about Jesus, our Messiah?
20. How is the strength of your faith connected to your level of courage? How might you increase both?

Point to ponder: God is always doing so much more than we can see or understand, through our faithful obedience.