

# everydayHEROES

## Rahab & Two Spies

### Joshua 2

<sup>1</sup>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.

Two Spies	Rahab
Identity <u>ROOTED</u> in God (YHWH).	Family partnership w/ <u>FALSE GOD</u> .
<u>KNOW</u> & have experienced YHWH.	Heard of God’s <u>POWER</u> & knows his <u>NAME</u> .
Moving <u>TOWARD PROMISE</u> .	Running <u>FROM FEAR</u> .

<sup>2</sup>The king of Jericho was told, “Look, some of the Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land.” <sup>3</sup>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.”

<sup>6</sup>(But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax she had laid out on the roof.) <sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup> Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup>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 Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. <sup>11</sup>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.

<sup>12</sup>“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 <sup>13</sup>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.”

**In what direction are you moving?**

**What promise do you need to move toward?**

### How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need a new life in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new life from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

**You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:**

*Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In your name, Amen.*

**If you chose to follow Jesus today, text “FAITH” to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.**

### **For Further Reflection:**

When was a “messy” time in your life? How did you handle that? What lessons did you learn in it? What positive things came out of that experience?

Think back through the “Everyday Heroes” series so far; what is something God has encouraged you in or invited you to through these conversations?

Take a few minutes to read all of Joshua 2.

:: What “pops” at you? What do you suppose Holy Spirit may be inviting you to process or do with that?

:: What do you struggle with or find most challenging in the passage? What does it look like for you to interact with God around those things?

:: Where do you see God active in the messiness of life?

Pastor Jeremiah said, “Whatever hold our past or our family patterns have on us, that hold can be broken and we can be rescued in Jesus. He puts us in a new and living way.”

:: How are you processing that?

:: What pattern/past/identity is God inviting you to find freedom from in him?

Where do you need to stop running from fear and moving toward promise this week?

What is one step you can take in that direction? Invite someone to pray with and for you as you do that.

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