

An Unexpected Faith

Joshua 2

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We believe in free grace, but we often practice a merit-based salvation.

Why Did Jesus, the Greater Joshua, become man?

Matthew 1:21; Luke 19:10; Mark 10:45; Luke 5:32; Luke 15:10; Acts 4:12; Luke 2:11.

How did a condemned Canaanite prostitute confess faith in the Sovereign God?

God Fulfills his Promises.

Rahab's Occupation v1

Who was Rahab?

What does the New Testament say about her? (Mat 1:5, James 2:25; Heb. 11:31)

Rahab was devoted to God; but not in the way the rest of the Canaanites were.

Rahab's Conversion and Confession v 8-11

This is the center and focus of the passage.

She had heard of Israel's God. How?

Imagine this: 10 million Chinese Christians ...

"I know that the Lord has given you the land."

Rahab risked everything on her newfound faith in God.

What are two responses to the knowledge of God? Fear and faith.

A mighty God who acts in history demands that I do the same.

Rahab's Faith v 1-7

Rahab's faith had teeth.

She protected the spies at the risk of her own life.

Is lying ok under certain circumstances?

Athanasius and Hans Busscher.

Rahab is not rebuked for lying in Scripture, and we should not rebuke her either.

Has your faith ever cost you something?

Do you express your faith publicly anyway? In any way?

Does your faith have teeth?

Rahab's Covenant v 12-21

Spare me and my family as I have spared you.

She asked that they swear *by the LORD!*

How might the scarlet cord remind you of Passover?

Rahab's Children

She married Salmon and was the ancestor of both David and Jesus.

Jesus is not ashamed to call us brothers.

Do you see God's fingerprints in history? Does it encourage you?

Who is the most surprising convert in the world?