

1. Read Joshua 2:1-7 — ***Faith Trusts God Beyond What is Seen.***
  - a. What immediate danger does Rahab face by hiding the spies? Why must we take God's ultimate purposes into account when we read about Rahab's deception?
  - b. What does this story teach us about how God works through unexpected people? Have you ever written someone (or yourself) off because of a past failure or current situation?
  - c. Rahab had incomplete information about Israel's future—but she still acted. How does Rahab's choice challenge the idea that faith requires full understanding (Hebrews 11:1)? Where in your life do you need to trust God now, even though things feel uncertain?
2. Read Joshua 2:8-11 — ***Faith Confesses Who God Is.***
  - a. What past acts of God does Rahab reference, and why are they significant? Like Rahab, how does the same information about God produce fear in some but faith in others?
  - b. Why is confession of who God is a necessary foundation for genuine faith (Romans 10:9)? Why do some people have inauthentic "faith" that is only based on what God can do for them in the moment?
  - c. How would you answer the question: Who do you say that God/Jesus is? In what ways does confessing Jesus as Lord challenge our allegiance to other priorities or identities?
3. Read Joshua 2:12-24 — ***Faith Responds to God With Costly Obedience.***
  - a. What instructions are Rahab given in order for her family to be spared? Why is the scarlet cord such an important detail in the story?
  - b. Why do we want a faith that doesn't ask much of us and feels safe to us? What costly "scarlet cord" of obedience might God be asking you to display in your life today?
  - c. How do Hebrews 11:31 and James 2:25 use Rahab's example to help us understand that genuine faith is always accompanied by works? Why do people think they can have a so-called "faith" which produces no action?
  - d. How does Rahab's transition from outside to insider as part of the family lineage of Jesus encourage your faith?

**Next Week:** Joshua 3:1-4:24

**Reading Plan:** Matthew 8-12



**GOD SAID**



**I HEARD**



**I WILL**