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Joshua 2:1-24
The Faith of a Shady Lady
Sunday, 1/23/22 Pastor Stuart Fraser

I. Introduction: The narrative of Rahab is a story of faith and demonstrates how the Lord redeems people from their life of sin and invites them into His covenant family.

II. The Faith of a Shady Lady (Josh 2:1-24).

A. Rahab Protected the Spies (vv. 1-7).

1. Joshua sent two spies over the Jordan to scout out the land, but when they were discovered in Jericho, Rahab hid them on the roof of her house.

B. Rahab Declared Her Beliefs (vv. 8-14).

1. Rahab made an extraordinary declaration of faith regarding God, confessing more about Yahweh than even some Jews dared to declare about Him.

C. Rahab Pledged Her Loyalty (vv. 15-21).

1. The spies instructed Rahab to hang a scarlet cord in the window as a covenant sign so that the Jews would not attack her or her family during their siege.

D. Rahab Encouraged the Jews (vv. 22-24).

1. The spies returned to Joshua and reported what happened and how the Canaanites were terrified of the Israelite army, which strengthened Joshua's faith.

III. Conclusion: God encouraged Joshua with the story of Rahab to demonstrate that He had given Israel the land and that He would help them to defeat all of their enemies.

Questions About: The Faith of a Shady Lady

1. Do you live by faith and not fear? How are we to understand the faith of Rahab? What do we make of her lying to protect the spies? Is she a liar or a hero? How do you view her?
2. What did Joshua instruct the spies to do? (**Josh 2:1-2**) Why did the Jewish spies go to Rahab's house? (**v. 1**) How did the king of Jericho find out they were there?
3. What did Rahab tell the king about the Jewish spies? (**Josh 2:3-6**) Was she justified in lying to the king's soldiers? Did she know about God's laws? (**Ex 20:16**)
4. What does the Bible say about Rahab's actions? (**Heb 11:30-31; James 2:24-26**) How were her actions an indication of faith? Why does the author of Joshua not focus on her lie?
5. What confession did Rahab make about Yahweh? (**Josh 2:8-14**) What did she indicate about the morale of the people in Jericho? (**v. 9**) Why were they so fearful? (**v. 10**)
6. What did Rahab want the Jewish spies to do for her? (**Josh 8:12-14**) What did they require of her if they were to spare her family? (**v. 14**) How did this demonstrate her faith in God?
7. What was the sign of the covenant that they made with Rahab? (**Josh 2:15-21**) How was this similar to the Passover? (**Ex 12:1-13**) Where did she tell the spies to hide? (**v. 16**)
8. What did the Jewish spies report to Joshua? (**Josh 2:22-24**) How did their report encourage Joshua? (**v. 24**) How does it encourage you? How did it demonstrate God's grace?

Prayer

1. Ask God to help you better understand how we are to love those who are sinners.
2. Pray that God might reveal to you how you can demonstrate His grace to lost people.