

# The With-God Journey

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**Text:** Joshua 2-6

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**Description:** Joshua chapters 2-6 mark a significant moment in Israelite history. They cross the Jordan river into the promised land, and begin to take ownership of it. Some of the heroes along the way are the ones the readers would expect and others are some of the least likely characters in all of the Bible. Rahab, through her brief in the God of the Israelites, stands as a pillar of faith, not just in her time, but through Hebrews 11 for all time. God is always moving on your behalf, just as he was in Joshua, Rahab, and the Israelite's day.

## Small Group Questions

1. Jake highlighted how throughout the Bible Rahab is referred to as "Rahab the Harlot" or Rahab the Prostitute. Why do you think her past is so tethered to how she is referred to? He used some other examples of biblical characters whose past wasn't as tethered to them (Moses the Murderer, David the Rapist, Abram the Abuser). Can you think of other examples from the Bible like those?
2. Rahab offered and asked for "Chesed" which is loving-kindness that comes from God either directly or indirectly. Read Joshua 2:4-11 together. How do you think this understanding of God was formed in her?
3. In verses 4-5 she is clearly lying. How do we handle that? Was this justified?
4. This whole section is event after event where God's invisible moves are shown in visible ways? God is always working for the good of the Israelites. Can you think of times when God's invisible moves for your good became visible?
5. When God shows up for us it is always incredibly encouraging. How can we live in light of the reality that God is always working for our good even if we can't see it, and what disciplines can we weave into our daily lives as reminders?