

Joshua: The Land of Promise

“Scarlet Thread: Finding Safety in God’s Promises” – Joshua 2:15–24

1. Faith’s Strategic Steps (Joshua 2:15–18)

A. Faith follows God’s wisdom, not our own

- Rahab helps the spies escape and gives them wise instructions.
- God often uses people the world overlooks (1 Corinthians 1:26–29).
- We are called to trust that God knows best, even when it conflicts with our instincts.

B. Faith trusts in God’s sign of salvation

- The scarlet cord was a visible sign of God’s protection for Rahab’s house.
 - It points back to the Passover blood (Exodus 12) and forward to Christ’s blood that saves us.
 - True faith is public, not hidden (Matthew 10:32–33; 1 Peter 3:15; 2 Timothy 1:8).
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2. Faith’s Communal Coverage (Joshua 2:19–21)

A. Faith brings protection under God’s covering

- Rahab’s family had to stay in the house marked by the cord to be safe.
- God’s saving work is experienced by those who remain where He provides salvation (Hebrews 5:9).

B. Faith is shown by obedience and integrity

- Rahab must act on what she has agreed; the spies must keep their word.
 - Words alone are not enough; faith is proved by doing (James 1:22–25).
 - Love for Christ is shown by keeping His commandments (John 14:15; 1 John 2:3–6).
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3. Faith’s Reassuring Result (Joshua 2:22–24)

A. Faith rests in God’s sovereignty

- God is in control over heaven, earth, nations, and events (Deuteronomy 4:39; Daniel 4:35).
- Faith trusts God’s rule even when we cannot understand our circumstances.

B. Faith trusts God’s power

- God had already given Israel the land and melted the courage of their enemies.
- He is mighty and able to do far more than we ask or think (Job 26:7–14; Ephesians 3:20).

C. Faith relies on God's integrity

- God cannot lie and never breaks His promises (Numbers 23:19).
 - His unchanging character is a sure anchor of hope; we can count on Him completely.
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Application

- Trust God's wisdom over your own understanding.
- Live a public, obedient, and integrity-filled faith.
- Rest in God's sovereignty, power, and integrity in the midst of your trials.