

## JOSHUA

### True Faith

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*Then Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two spies from Shittim. “Go, look over the land,” he said, “especially Jericho.” So they went and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there. (Joshua 2:1)*

#### **True faith is...**

- **Risky: goes against the current** – “The king of Jericho was told, ‘Look! Some of the Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land.’ So the king of Jericho sent this message to Rahab: ‘Bring out the men who came to you and entered your house, because they have come to spy out the whole land.’” (Joshua 2:2-3)
- **Active: proves itself in works** – “But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. She said, ‘Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from. At dusk, when it was time to close the city gate, the men left. I don’t know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You may catch up with them.’” (Joshua 2:4-5)

*In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead. (James 2:25-26)*

- **Certain: takes God at His word** – “Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof and said to them, ‘I know that the LORD has given this land to you and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt...’” (Joshua 2:8-10a)

*...for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below. (Joshua 2:11b)*

- **Rewarded: receives God’s blessing** – “So she sent them away and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window...Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her, because she hid the men Joshua had sent as spies to Jericho – and she lives among the Israelites to this day.” (Joshua 2:21b; 6:25)

*By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient. (Heb. 11:31)*

*And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him. (Heb. 11:6)*

#### **True faith brings you into kingdom legacy...**

*A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham...Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab...” (Matt. 1:1, 5)*