

COURAGEOUS CROSSINGS

LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF JOSHUA

Sermon Series: Courageous Crossings: Lessons from the Life of Joshua
Unlikely Heroes

Key Text: Joshua 2:1-24

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Joshua 1:9, “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Truth for Today:

- God is always at **work**, even in the places we wouldn't expect to **find** Him.
- No one is beyond the **reach** of God's **grace**.
- God doesn't consult your **past** before writing your **future**.

Bottom Line:

God is a master at making champions out of underdogs.

God is always at work, even in the places we wouldn't expect to find Him.
(Joshua 2:1-11)

John 5:17, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.”

When we minimize the magnitude of God, we end up with a view of God that isn't big enough.

Isaiah 59:1, “Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear.”

II. No one is beyond the reach of God's grace. (Joshua 2:12-16)

Hebrews 11:31, “By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.”

God calls the unqualified and qualifies the called.

The gospel:

- Challenges who we think should be on the guest list.
- Reminds us the table isn't reserved for the worthy, it's set for the willing.
- Confronts our categories and levels the playing field for everyone, everywhere.

III. God doesn't consult your past before writing your future. (Joshua 2:17-21)

Matthew 1:5-6, “Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David.”

God draws straight with crooked lines.

The scarlet cord represented:

- God's inclusion of Rahab and her household in His plan of salvation. (Exodus 12)
- The thread of hope woven into stories of imperfect people. (Romans 8:28)

Reflection:

- Where is God already at work—in my life, relationships, and community—and how can I join him there?
- Do I truly believe God can use anyone—or have I already disqualified myself or others?
- How does God want to use my past pain or failure to bring hope to others?

Application:

- Ask God this week, “How can I participate in what you're doing?”
 - Silence the lie that you are only as good as your past failures.
 - Allow the “scarlet cord” to define your allegiance.
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