

Near:
When Lost
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Lessons from Rahab

#1 Complexity - Our Lives are Multifaceted.

Then Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two spies... “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

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.” 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, they left. I don’t know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You may catch up with them.” (But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax she had laid out on the roof.) Joshua 2:2-6

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 you this land 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, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone’s courage failed because of you, for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on earth below.” Joshua 2:8-11

“Now then, please swear to me by the Lord that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them—and that you will save us from death.” Joshua 1:12-13

“Our lives for your lives!” the men assured her. “If you don’t tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully when the Lord gives us the land.” Now the men had said to her, “This oath you made us swear will not be binding on us unless when we enter the land, You have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you have brought your father and mother, your brothers and all your family in your house. If any of them go outside your house into the street, their blood will be on their own heads; we will not be responsible. Joshua 2:14, 17-19

But 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 6:25

#2 Salvation - Trusting In God’s Power to Save.

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

Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab... Matthew 1:5a