

Unlikely Heroes
Hanging by a Thread (Joshua 2:1-21)

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I. TAKE THE RISK

Joshua 2:1 "Then Joshua the son of Nun sent two men from Shittim to go in secret to learn about the land. He said to them, "Go and spy out the land, and Jericho." So they went and came to the house of Rahab, a woman who sold the use of her body, and they stayed there."

1 Corinthians 1:27-29 (NKJV) "But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence."

- A. She risked to save the SPIES.
- B. She risked to save her FAMILY.
- C. Risk isn't a PERSONALITY trait; it's a skill you can learn, strengthen, and grow.
- D. Whatever your risks are, God is going to prove himself FAITHFUL.

II. MAKE THE REQUEST (2:9-14)

Joshua 2:9-14 "And she said to the men, "I know that the Lord has given you the land. The fear of you has come upon us. All the people living in the land have become weak with fear because of you. 10 For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt. We have heard how you destroyed the two kings of the Amorites, Sihon and Og, on the other side of the Jordan. 11 When we heard it, our hearts became weak. No man had strength of heart any more because of you. For the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on earth below.

Now I have shown you kindness. So I beg of you, promise me by the Lord that you will show kindness to those of my father's house. Give me something to show that you will be faithful. 13 Do not kill my father and mother and my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them. Save us from death." 14 So the men said to her, "Our life for yours! If you do not tell anyone what we are doing, we will be faithful and show you kindness when the Lord gives us the land"

III. RAKE IN THE REWARD (6:22-25, Matthew 1:5)

TAKEAWAYS FROM RAHAB

1. Have COURAGE in the face of adversity – Joshua 2:9
2. BELIEVE in God's promises – Joshua 2:11–13
3. Take RISKS for God – Joshua 2:18
4. KNOW your worth – Joshua 2:1
5. TRUST in God's future – Matthew 1:5