

Series: Joshua

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Message: "Grace Where You Least Expect It"

Joshua 2

Big Idea: God often chooses the least likely people to demonstrate the greatness of his mercy and grace.

I. Review chapter 1

A. The BATON has been passed... 1:1-9

B. The CHALLENGE has been given... 1:10-18

II. Grace in a strange place

A. The SENDING of the spies v. 1

1. A SECRET mission

• Q: Was it WRONG?

• A: NO

2. A QUESTIONABLE lady

• Q: Was it WRONG?

• A: NO

B. The PROTECTING of the spies vs. 2-7

1. A not-so-SECRET mission

2. An ETHICAL dilemma

• The Bible doesn't ADDRESS Rahab's lie

• Three ways we can try and UNDERSTAND

○ Lesser of two EVILS – do what is least SINFUL

○ When there are conflicting commands choose the GREATER good – there's NO sin

○ NON-CONFLICTING absolutes – find a way to act PROPERLY

C. A woman's extraordinary FAITH vs. 8-11

1. What WE know

2. What did SHE know?

3. HOW did she know?

D. A salvation PROMISED vs. 12-21

1. The REQUEST

2. The CONDITIONS

• Tie a CORD

• STAY in the house

• TELL no one

E. A very FAMILIAR sounding report vs. 22-24

III. What we take away.... No one's beyond the reach of grace. Salvation is not based on personal righteousness – it comes to us "by grace through faith..."