

PROMISES & POWER

Faith
Message 2

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2. Conviction about _____.
(Joshua 2:8-14. C/R: Matthew 16:17; Romans 10:10,17;
Hebrews 11:1,6)

► Outline

Rahab... was shown to be right with God by her actions when she hid those messengers... **James 2:25 (NLT)**

A. Introduction

(Joshua 2:1; Matthew 1:5; 1 Corinthians 1:28-29;
Hebrews 11:31; James 2:25)

3. Commitment to _____.
(Joshua 2:15-24. C/R: Exodus 12:13; Matthew 7:21; James
1:22; 2:24-25)

B. The content of faith includes...

(Joshua 2:1-24)

1. Courage facing _____.
(Joshua 2:2-7. C/R: Ephesians 3:16-17; 2 Timothy 1:7;
Hebrews 13:6)

Answers: 1. opposition 2. truth 3. obey

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► Discussion Guide

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Conversation Starter

Describe a time your faith was tested. What did you do?

Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read Joshua 2.

1. Why do you think the writer included the detail that Rahab was a prostitute? What impact does that have on the way you understand or interpret this passage?
2. How did Rahab react when the spies showed up at her house? What are other ways she could have responded? What impact did her kindness have on the spies?
3. What risks did Rahab take by helping the spies? What do you see in the text explaining why she did this?
4. Describe a time God asked you to take a step of faith that felt risky. How did you respond? How did this affect your relationship with God?
5. What do you learn about Rahab in this passage? What insight does this give you about God's plan of salvation?
6. The spies offered their lives as a guarantee of safety for Rahab and her family (they bound themselves by oath). What does this reveal about their faith?
7. The spies returned and told Joshua all that happened. What convinced them God would give them the land?

8. How would your life be different if you lived with a deeper sense of faith?
9. Compare and contrast the spy mission in Joshua 2 with the one in Numbers 13. What do you find significant about the differences and similarities? Which mission revealed greater faith in God? What details lead you to that conclusion?
10. What unlikely person has God used to fulfill His plan in your life? How is your relationship with God different as a result?
11. What's one step of faith God's asking you to take this week?

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is something we can do to help us live in and enjoy God's grace. We hope these will become a regular part of your life, so that walking and talking with God is the most natural thing you do.

One way to strengthen your faith is to meditate on God's Word (Joshua 1:7-9; Psalm 1:1-3). Meditation means to read slowly, gaze intently, giving undivided attention to a passage of Scripture. This week, meditate on the daily readings. Stop and reflect on words or phrases that stand out to you. Spend time talking with God about what He's revealing to you.

Memory Verse

But don't just listen to God's Word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

James 1:22 (NLT)

Daily Reading

- Day 1: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Day 4: James 1:22-25
Day 2: 2 Timothy 1:7 Day 5: 1 Peter 1:18-20
Day 3: Romans 10:9-13

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, January 22, we'll continue the series in Joshua, *Promises and Power*. To prepare, read **Joshua 3-4**.

