

"Taking the First Steps of Faith"

Rahab's Stone

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Review From Last Message

- 1. The Commission-God has a unique purpose for you to fulfill.
- 2. The Comparison-Do not compare yourself to other callings.
- 3. The Covenant-God promises Victory, Presence, and Purpose.
- 4. The Condition-Courage, Singular Focus, and Scripture Saturation.
- 5. The Command- Believe and trust in God...He is with you!

1. UNLIKELY OF FAITH

Joshua 2:1 (ESV)- And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and lodged there.

2. UNLIKELY OF FAITH

Joshua 2:4-6 (ESV)- But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. And she said, "True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from. And when the gate was about to be closed at dark, the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them guickly, for you will overtake them." But she had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks of flax that she had laid in order on the roof.

OF FAITH 3. UNLIKELY

Joshua 2:8-9 (ESV)-Before the men lay down, she came up to them on the roof and said to the men, "I know that the Lord has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you.

Specifics of Rahab's Profession

A. Belief In His Sovereignty

Joshua 2:9 (ESV)- and said to the men, "I know that the Lord has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you."

B. Belief In His Power

Joshua 2:10 (ESV)-For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction.

C. Belief In His Exclusivity

Joshua 2:11 (ESV)-And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted. and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the Lord your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath.

4. UNLIKELY OF FAITH

Joshua 2:14 (ESV)- And the men said to her, "Our life for yours even to death! If you do not tell this business of ours, then when the Lord gives us the land we will deal kindly and faithfully with you.""

5. UNLIKELY OF FAITH

A. New People

Joshua 6:23 (ESV)-So the young men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab and her father and mother and brothers and all who belonged to her. And they brought all her relatives and put them outside the camp of Israel.

B. New Legacy

Matthew 1:5-6 (ESV)-and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king.

C. New Purpose

Hebrews 11:31 (ESV)-By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

Here is The Point: We too must have faith in the unseen and the courage to take the first steps!