

# **MEN'S LIFE BLOOMINGTON & GOD @ WORK**

*Tuesday, November 25, 2014*

## **Rahab**

### **Joshua 1:1 – 3:6 (Selected verses)**

#### **Major Segments:**

- The Mission
- The Accomplice
- The Victory
- The Fame

#### **Segment Questions:**

- What do you think Joshua wanted to learn by sending spies into Canaan?
- How do you think the king finds out the spies are in the city?
- If you were the king of Jericho, how would you have felt when you heard Jewish spies were in your city?
- Why do you think Rahab hides the spies?
- What do you think about Rahab lie to the king?
- If you were a soldier under Joshua, what are you thinking as you march around the walls of the city and then on the day of the attack, you simply “shout!”
- Where do you see God in this story?
- What leadership qualities do you see in Joshua and Rahab?

#### **Action Questions:**

- Do you ever lie to “save your own skin?”
- What is a risky choice you have made in life for God?
- What victories has God given you recently that defy human explanation?
- What leadership lessons, or faith lessons, do you learn from Rahab and Joshua for your personal application?
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## **Joshua 1:1 to 3:6**

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Joshua sent two spies into the land of Canaan. He told them, "Go and watch the people, especially those in the city of Jericho."

The spies went into Jericho and stayed at the house of a prostitute named Rahab. The king of Jericho heard about this, so he sent a message to Rahab saying, "Bring out the spies who are in your house."

She hid the men on her roof and then told the king, "Yes, those men were here, but they left the city before gate was closed for the night. You can catch them if you go quickly." So the king sent men to chase after the spies.

Rahab went to the men and said, "Our people are afraid of you because we heard of the great things God has done for you. He's the Lord of heaven and earth. I've protected you. Therefore, show kindness to my family and spare our lives!"

The spies said, "Continue to protect us, and you'll be rescued when God gives us the city."

Rahab's house was on the city wall, so she helped the men escape by dropping a rope out of her window.

They returned to Joshua and told him everything that had happened. They said, "It's true! God has given us the land. The people are afraid of us."

So, Joshua led the people to the Jordan River. He said, "Tomorrow, God will do amazing things for you. You'll know that the Lord lives with you and plans to fight your enemies for you."

Joshua then started preparing the people so they could conquer the land.

When the day arrived, Joshua had the army, the priests, and the Ark of God move silently around the city. No one was allowed to say anything until they were back in the camp. They marched around the city once each day for six days.

On the seventh day, they circled the city seven times. Then the priests blew ram's horns and Joshua yelled, "Shout!" The people shouted and the walls of the city fell down in front of them. They marched straight into the city and conquered it.

The two spies quickly went and brought Rahab and her family out of her house. Everyone else was killed. Things of value were put in the Lord's treasury. Then the entire city was burned.

So the Lord was with Joshua, and his fame spread throughout the land. Rahab and her family were put in a safe place outside of the camp of Israel. Eventually she married an Israelite from the tribe of Judah, and they had a son named Boaz.