

Joshua 2: the Unlikeliest

Focus: trusting God to reach and use the unlikeliest of people to fulfill His promises

Resources:

here is a helpful article on Rahab's lying :

<http://whyteridgebaptist.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Scripture-Studies-Joshua-2-Side-Remark-on-Rahabs-Life.pdf>



NW's 2018 Priority

- Bought: we belong to Christ!
- to be captivated by the truth that we belong to Christ, that we are His people and...
- we would be in awe of this privilege...
- we would respond in willing obedience...
- we would invite others to join us!

Discussion:

- Read Joshua 2 together. What is the craziest, most unlikely thing that happens in this story?
- What does that teach you about the way God works?
- What does the NT commend Rahab for in Heb. 11.31 and James 2.24-25? What is the significance that there is no mention of her lie in these verses? (OPTION: you can read the article linked in the side bar if you want to have a discussion about Rahab's ethics. But be warned, this is NOT the main point of our story and could dominate your time!)
- How can Rahab's story shape the way we think about people who are far from God? Can you think of a person or a people you are tempted to think would never believe in God?
- Are you tempted to think God can't use you because of your past or your limitations? Read and discuss this quote from Rick Warren:

Abraham was old, Jacob was insecure, Leah was unattractive, Joseph was abused, Moses stuttered, Gideon was poor, Samson was codependent, Rahab was immoral, David had an affair and all kinds of family problems, Elijah was suicidal, Jeremiah was depressed, Jonah was reluctant, Naomi was a widow, John the Baptist was eccentric to say the least, Peter was impulsive and hot-tempered, Martha worried a lot, the Samaritan woman had several failed marriages, Zacchaeus was unpopular, Thomas had doubts, Paul had poor health, and Timothy was timid. That is quite a variety of misfits, but God used each of them in his service. He will use you too if you stop making excuses (and trust God!).
- What is your takeaway from Joshua 2?