

But Rahab the prostitute and her father's household and all who belonged to her, Joshua saved alive. And she has lived in Israel to this day... - Joshua 6:25

I. WISDOM APPLIED

- The Canaanites heard news of Israel's escape from Egypt and God's wonders on behalf of his people. Only Rahab, it appears, takes notice...and action (Josh. 2:9-13).
- Rahab takes the opportunity to bargain with the spies; her family's lives for their lives. The spies agree to her proposal and a plan is enacted (Josh. 2:4-7, 14).
- Rahab became a traitor to her people. Nothing is too sacred to abandon in exchange for a relationship with God (1 Sam. 23:15-18; Luke 9:23-26).

II. LOVING JESUS MORE THAN LIFE

- As Rahab proved faithful in abandoning her old life, Jesus commands all to do the same (Matt. 10:34-39).
- There lies behind us a long line of believers (and martyrs) who have abandoned all for Christ. It is no folly. Rather, it is the height of reason (Matt. 19:27).

III. RAHAB, OUR EXAMPLE

- Rahab is commended for her wisdom and sensibility. This led to her marriage to Salmon and the birth of Boaz, which led to the birth of King David, which led to the birth of King Jesus (Josh. 6:25; Matt. 1:5).
- Wisdom saved Rahab and her family's lives. Faith saved her soul (Heb. 11:31; James 2:25).

KNOW: Rahab, although a lowly prostitute, was wise and prudent. She knew about God, and turned that into faith in God. Her faith led to good works done in wisdom, and thus she aligned herself with Israel and Israel's God. She chose God over life, as we must choose Jesus over life.

DO: Practice wisdom. Place your faith in something true and real.

Suggested Reading:

The Cross of Christ by John R.W. Stott
(Available in the LifePoint Adult Library)

For Children:

The King and the Dragon by James Shrimpton
(Available in the LifePoint Children's Library)

Buck Denver's Big, Big Bubble: A Lesson in Courage by Phil Vischer
(Available in the LifePoint Children's Library)

**Questions/Discovery Points for
Life Groups/Families**

Please Read Joshua 2:1-21; 6:25

1. What led to Rahab's decision to hide the spies?
2. The story only shares her reasons after telling us about her act of courage and faith. Why?
3. Why does Rahab fear Israel's God more than her own gods, and the possible judgment of her people?
4. Isn't being a traitor a bad thing? Why is Rahab commended in Hebrews 11:31 and James 2:25?
5. What is Jesus' call on our lives? Are we to put him over all things, including our own families and nationalities? (see Matt. 10:34-39)
6. How will you apply the teaching of these texts to your own life?