

Rahab and the Spies - Joshua 2:1-24

Topics: Acceptance, Advice, Bargaining, Believe, Choices, Courage, Danger, Enemies, Escape, Fear, Hiding, Hospitality, Kindness, Promises, Protection, Risk, Silence

Open It

1. Why do you think children enjoy the game “Hide and Seek”?
2. What emotions do you associate with hiding?
- * 3. Under what circumstances do people usually try to make a deal with God?

Explore It

- * 4. Why did Joshua send spies to Canaan? (2:1)
5. What does this passage reveal about Rahab? (2:1)
6. How did the king of Jericho respond to the message that there were spies in his city? (2:3)
7. How did Rahab respond to the king’s message? (2:4-5)
8. How did Rahab protect the spies from the king’s messengers? (2:4-6)
9. What reassurance did Rahab give to the spies? (2:8-9)
10. How did Rahab know that the Lord had given the land over to the Israelites? (2:9)
11. What instilled fear in the hearts of the Canaanites? (2:10-11)
- * 12. What were Rahab’s beliefs about the God of Israel? (2:11)
13. What deal did the spies make with Rahab? (2:14)
14. What were the conditions of the deal between Rahab and the spies? (2:17-20)
15. What was the nature of the spies’ report to Joshua? (2:24)
- * 16. Who received the credit for the Canaanites’ fear of the Israelites? (2:24)

Get It

17. How do you imagine the spies felt about sneaking into Canaan?
18. When have you ever been scared to do something that you knew was right?
19. In what specific ways do Christian values today differ from the standards of our modern culture?
- * 20. What is one Christian value that you feel you need to take a stand on to be a more effective witness for Christ?
21. What does this passage teach us about the kind of people God uses to accomplish His purposes?
22. What do you think inspired Rahab’s belief in the God of Israel?
23. What are some specific ways you think Rahab had to sacrifice by giving refuge to the Israelite spies?
24. What did Rahab gain through her brave actions in this passage?
25. What have you lost or gained because of your Christian beliefs?
- * 26. What does the conclusion of this passage teach us about God’s faithfulness to believers who take risks because of their faith?

Apply It

27. How could you demonstrate thankfulness to God today for His faithfulness in your life?
- * 28. What is one small risk you think God might want you to take in sharing your faith or standing up for what is right?
29. What specific step can you take in the next few days to encourage another believer who is trying to stand up for what is right?