

Joshua's and Rahab's Faith

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Josh 6:1 Now Jericho was tightly shut up because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in.

2 Then the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men.

A. What God said about the city (Josh.6:1-2)

- A fortified city
- What God said

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B. Why march around the city?

1) God's grace involves us

- The march was an act of receiving not conquering
- Efficient cause, material cause, instrumental cause, and the final cause

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2) God told them exact what to do and what will happen

- This required going all in — no hedging.
- Doing this for seven days required sustained trust.

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3) The Ark is the focus of the march

- It was communal

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Josh 5:13 Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?"

14 "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?"

15 The commander of the LORD's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

C. Joshua's Faith

1) An encounter with the Commander of the Lord's Army

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Josh 6:16 The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the people, "Shout! For the LORD has given you the city! 17 The city and all that is in it are to be devoted to the LORD. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall be spared, because she hid the spies we sent.

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2) Joshua's language

II. Rahab's Faith (30)

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A. What happened?

- A surprising name in the list
- Spies staying at Rahab's house were discovered
- Rahab protected the spies

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B. Why did she do it?

- The risk
- Rahab's language (Josh. 2:9-13)

Josh 2:9 “I know that the LORD has given this land to you and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. 10 We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. 11 When we heard of it, our hearts melted and everyone’s courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below. 12 Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign 13 that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and that you will save us from death.”

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C. Why did God save Rahab?

- Grace through Faith
- Sovereign grace of God

“a blessed example both of the sovereignty of God’s grace and of its power; of its freedom and sovereignty, in the calling and conversion of a person given up through her choice to the vilest of sins. Nobody, no sin, should lead to despair when the cure of God’s sovereign, almighty grace is engaged.”

- John Owen

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Matt. 1:5 Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, 6 and Jesse the father of King David.

D. The Gospel

- **“She lives among the Israelites to this day.” (Josh. 6:25)**
- **The place of judgment became a place of salvation**
- **The genealogy of Jesus**