

# Joshua

03.22.26 - DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



## BATTLE POINT

We fight fear first and foremost by trusting in the saving blood of Jesus.



## ACTION STEP

Memorize Joshua 1:9

*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."*

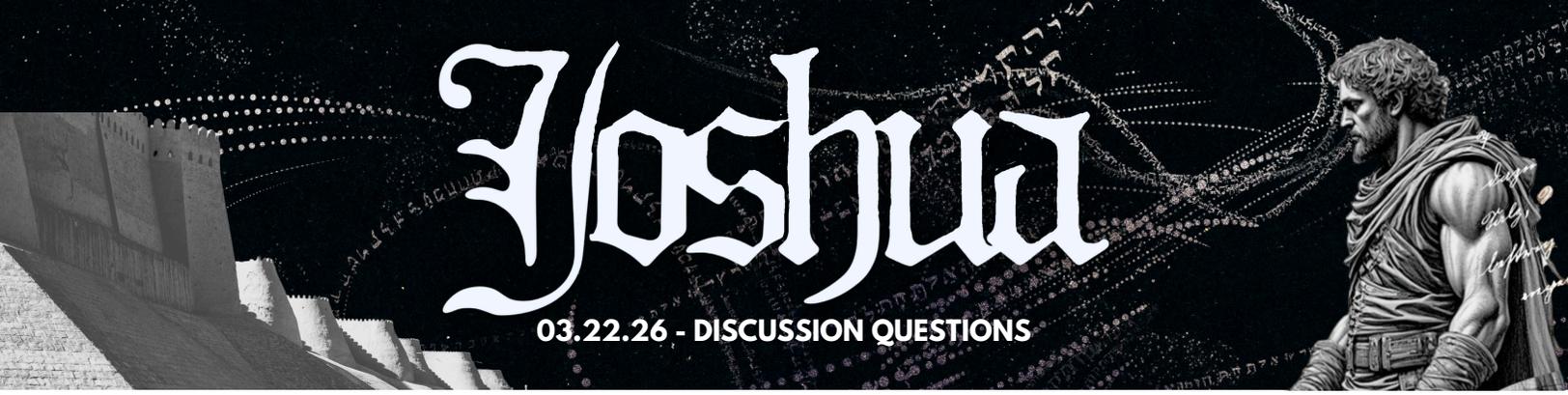
**ICEBREAKER** - If you had to hide two people in your house for 24 hours, where are you putting them?

## UNDERSTANDING THE STORY. READ JOSHUA 2:1-8

- What's something that stood out to you that you've never noticed before in this story?
- Why do you think it's important that the Bible doesn't sanitize stories like this?

## UNDERSTANDING FEAR & FAITH. READ JOSHUA 2:9-11

- What do you think it means that "their hearts melted"? How can fear lead someone either toward God or away from Him?
- When God's truth confronts *your* life, do you tend to respond with surrender, avoidance, or resistance?



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## **THE SCARLET CORD.** *READ JOSHUA 2:18-21*

- What does this passage reveal about both the justice and mercy of God happening at the same time?
- Rahab believed, but she also had to tie the cord in the window. What does that teach us about the relationship between faith and action?

## **RAHAB IN THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS.** *READ MATTHEW 1:1-6 & HEBREWS 11:31*

- Why do you think Matthew intentionally includes women like Rahab in the genealogy?

### **DIGGING DEEPER: TO LIE OR NOT TO LIE?**

***Rahab's lie creates a real tension in the story. On one hand, God clearly commands truth and never endorses sin. On the other hand, Rahab is later commended for her faith and for protecting the spies (James 2, Hebrews 11), not for the lie itself.***

- What's the difference between God using an action and God approving it?  
(see *Genesis 50:20*)
- Why is it dangerous to build our moral framework on exceptions instead of God's clear commands?
- How can we avoid using passages like this to justify sin in our own lives?