



A SERIES FROM THE
BOOK OF JOSHUA

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This week: Joshua 2

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2 And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and lodged there. ² And it was told to the king of Jericho, "Behold, men of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land." ³ Then the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land." ⁴ But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. And she said, "True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from." ⁵ And when the gate was about to be closed at dark, the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them."



Joshua 2

⁶ But she had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks of flax that she had laid in order on the roof. ⁷ So the men pursued after them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. And the gate was shut as soon as the pursuers had gone out. ⁸ Before the men lay down, she came up to them on the roof ⁹ and said to the men, “I know that the Lord has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. ¹⁰ For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction.



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¹¹ And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the Lord your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. ¹² Now then, please swear to me by the Lord that, as I have dealt kindly with you, you also will deal kindly with my father's house, and give me a sure sign ¹³ that you will save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death.” ¹⁴ And the men said to her, “Our life for yours even to death! If you do not tell this business of ours, then when the Lord gives us the land we will deal kindly and faithfully with you.



Joshua 2

**Fact: Sometimes life will
throw us things that you
never expected.**



What are you hearing?

For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the Lord your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath.

(V. 10-11)

- Guard your heart and ears
 - Proverbs says to guard your heart with all diligence, for out of it flows the springs of life.
 - Romans says Faith comes by hearing and hearing the word of God.
- Hear the Word of God and believe it! Romans 10: 8 - 10
- Hear the promises of God and meditate on them! - Joshua 1:8

What are you responding to?

Fear or Faith? Doubt or Thanksgiving?

- Respond in Faith
 - Faith is a fight!
 - “But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”
1 Timothy 6:11-12
- Respond in Thanksgiving
 - Living in thanksgiving is also a fight!
 - “Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.”
Hebrews 13:15

What are you still doing here?

If you have an opportunity to get out, Go!

- Your leaving may also be the salvation of others.
- There are always people who are going through similar low moments that we are going through as well. If there is a way to help them, do it!
- Don't define yourself by your low moment.
- Recognize when people that could possibly be your way out come around. They usually look like the ones that God is doing some amazing work in their lives.

Next Steps

- Pick one verse that you will continually meditate in and hear this week.
- Identify a very painful low moment (if any) in your life. Find out something about God that speaks into that and intentionally praise Him for it.
- Identify what areas God is inviting you to leave.