

## JOSHUA: *presence. courage. action.*

A Gentile Convert - Joshua 2:1-24

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“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 deliver our lives from death.” - **Joshua 2:12-13**

### I. RAHAB THE TURNCOAT (vss. 1-11, 15-16)

- The two spies sent out by Joshua find lodging and protection in the inn of a prostitute named Rahab (vs. 1; Heb. 11:31).
- Rahab deceives her countrymen in order to save the spies’ lives (vss. 3-7; Ex. 1:15-21; 1 Sam. 16:1-5; 1 Kings 22:19-23).
- Rahab shares with the spies information that will be important for Joshua and the leaders to hear.
- Rahab demonstrates an understanding of much that had transpired for Israel, and of the God of Israel (vs. 11; Ex. 14; Deut. 2:26-3:17).
- Rahab exhibits good sense. It is wise to get on God’s side when you have the option (Acts 5:33-39).
- Allegiance to God trumps all other allegiances (Esther 4:12-14; Matt. 10:34-39).

### II. A PLAN FOR LIFE (vss. 12-14, 17-21)

- A treaty is struck between Rahab and the spies: life in exchange for obedience to their demands (Luke 10:25-28; 18:18-30; Acts 16:25-34).

### III. THE GOOD REPORT (vss. 22-24)

- The spies deliver the intelligence report: God is with us, the land is ours, and the people of the land are melting away.

### IV. THE NATURE OF GOD

- God is great (vss. 9-11; Ps. 95:3).
- God is forgiving (Ps. 103:1-4; Luke 7:48-50).
- God never forgets (Matt. 1:5).

**KNOW:** God is great. God is forgiving. God never forgets.

**DO:** Place your trust in God.

### Recommended Reading:

*Knowing God*, by J.I. Packer (LifePoint Library call # 231 PAC)

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

Please read Joshua chapter 2.

1. What was the intent of the two spies? How do we know that?
2. What do you think of Rahab’s actions? Were they justified?
3. Rahab was a prostitute. The Bible condemns sexual-immorality. Why is Rahab commended for her faith in Hebrews 11:31?
4. What does this teach us about God’s forgiveness? Any other passages or stories from the Bible that demonstrate forgiveness like this?
5. What stood out to you in this message that will help you in your own walk of faith?
6. Are there any steps you can take to extend grace and forgiveness to others more willingly?