

Rahab's Help
November 2, 2014- Joshua 2:1-14

Joshua 1:2. God had a plan more than just to spy out the land (James 2:25- the word spies is actually translated “messengers/ witnesses” in the Greek.

Rahab was open to the things of God. Though her lifestyle was not what God desired, He was working on her heart whether she knew it or not.

God was at work, as He always is, and here is Rahab's response, what is ours?

1) She observed

- *For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.* **Romans 1:20**
- God makes Himself known in many ways! We have the choice to:
- **Ignore**
- **Rebel**
- **Surrender**- Rahab surrendered! What if she had ignored or rebelled?
- Are you ignoring, rebelling, or surrendering to God and His work? He is at work!

2) She heard

- *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. When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.* **Joshua 2:10-11**
- Are you listening to where God might be at work, and if so, are you joining Him?

3) She knew

- *“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 sign¹³ 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.”* **Joshua 2:12-13**
- Our knowledge is only as good as our next step of obedience. Our next step often determines what we really believe.

4) She joined

- *So she let them down by a rope through the window, for the house she lived in was part of the city wall.¹⁶ She said to them, “Go to the hills so the pursuers will not find you. Hide yourselves there three days until they return, and then go on your way.”* **Joshua 2:15-16**
- Are you joining God at where He is at work?

5) She influenced the course of history

- Matthew 1

6) She was blessed because of joining God in what He was doing.

- Family was delivered (Joshua 6:17)
- Rahab married Salmon, Salmon had a son named Boaz, and Boaz married Ruth.
- Rahab's great, great, great grandson was King David and his far off grandson was Jesus Christ

We can either ignore, rebel, or surrender to God. The first two choices have consequences, some we can't even imagine. The last has blessings along with being able to see God at work! Which will you do? Will you look to see where God is at work and join Him?