

# Rahab

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JOSHUA 2

It's been said that being a Christian sometimes feels like being in a family with 1,000 drunk uncles. In any church, there's more than enough dysfunction to go around.

Take a few moments to read Joshua 2. What stood out to you? The spies, the action, the prostitute, the deception? There's more drama in this chapter than in the wildest reality TV.

The words of Rahab struck me. She may be a prostitute, but she can preach. She highlights the might (vv.9-10), majesty (v.11), and mercy of God (vv.12-13). Then, for her faithfulness, she and her family are spared.

On one hand, this challenges our pride. A prostitute being saved?! We can't have that! I thought we were supposed to be clean-cut, buttoned-up, educated professionals?!? Apparently not. Apparently, the church is not a social club for saints but a hospital

for sinners. Jesus came not for the healthy but the sick. We can only enter in by acknowledging our need.

On the other hand, this encourages our fears. Commentators point out that Joshua 2 doesn't need to be in the Bible. You could cut it out, and the narrative would flow seamlessly from chapter 1 straight into chapter 3. So, why's it in there? To remind us that God will save anyone. No matter who you are. No matter what you've done. Jesus will welcome you if you come to him.

Maybe you needed to be reminded of that truth today. Maybe you need to remind someone in your life about the gospel today.



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## PRAYER

*Jesus, thank you for saving me just as I am. Fill me with your Spirit today, that I may love you as you have loved me. And use me in this Advent season to introduce others to you. Amen.*



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