

The Faith Of Rahab

Joshua 2

1. RAHAB KNEW (Joshua 2:1-9). Rahab had a knowledge of God and His power. This motivated her to do something with this knowledge.

A. Knowledge is essential to a life of faith and victory (Hosea 4:6; Isa. 5:13; Mark 12:24; John 8:32).

2. RAHAB HEARD (Joshua 2:10). The knowledge that Rahab had of God came from hearing. She had not only heard of God's wrath and power but His mercy.

A. Faith for deliverance comes from the hearing of God's word (Rom. 10:17; Acts 14:8-10).

B. It's a shame that others can hear the same thing and take different attitude and approach about it. They will know that God is real and still not turn to Him (Joshua 2:11).

3. RAHAB ASKED (Joshua 2:12-14). Rahab's faith led to asking. She knew that she could receive nothing unless plainly and clearly stated her request.

A. There are many who say "God knows what I need, if it's His will then He will give it to me." This attitude is not SCRIPTURAL. We are still required to ask (Matt. 6:8-13; 7:7-11; James 1:5-6; 4:2).

4. RAHAB ACTED (Joshua 2:15-21). Rahab's faith led to action (James 2:24-26). She didn't just sit idly by waiting for her blessing. She put forth the actions that it took to bring the manifestation of her desires.

A. We are also to be doers of the Word. Faith is not passive, it is active (Joshua 1:8; Luke 6:46-49; James 1:22-25; 2:20).

5. RAHAB SPOKE IT (Joshua 2:21). Rahab made her mouth speak in line with the word that was given her. She did not let doubt and unbelief come from her mouth but she spoke what she believed.

A. Faith will always say what God says and not what fear says. We must make our mouths line up with God's Word (2 Cor. 4:13; Mark 11:23-24; Heb. 4:14; 10:23).

6. RAHAB RECEIVED (Joshua 6:23). Rahab received the physical manifestation of what she was believing for.

A. In Joshua 2:22-24 we see that Israel believed God for victory before they saw the physical manifestation. This is true faith (Hebrews 11:1; 2

Cor. 5:7; John 20:29).

B. Rahab's answer was manifested because she trusted with no other guarantee besides the word of the spies. Yet it all came to pass. We are to trust in God and His Word and He will bring it to pass (Ps. 37:4-5; Joshua 21:43-45; 23:14; Mark 11:24).