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Lesson 2

**October 4–10*

Surprised by Grace

SABBATH AFTERNOON

Read for This Week's Study: *Josh. 2:1–21, Num. 14:1–12, Heb. 11:31, Exod. 12:13, Joshua 9, Neh. 7:25.*

Memory Text: “By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace” (Hebrews 11:31, NKJV).

TUESDAY

October 7

New Allegiance

Read Joshua 2:12–21 and Exodus 12:13, 22, 23. How do the texts in Exodus help you understand the agreement between the spies and Rahab?

REF:>> Jos 2:9 And she said unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.

Jos 2:10 For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.

Jos 2:11 And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.

Joshua 2:12–21 12 Now therefore, I beg you, swear to me by the Lord, since I have shown you kindness, **that you also will show kindness to my father’s house, and give me a true token,**
13 and spare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.”

Hebrews 11:31, NKJV “By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with **those who did not believe**, when she had received the spies **with peace**” (*Hebrews 11:31, NKJV*).

Question: Could the LORD have helped these spies to escape without the help of Rahab?

Answer: Absolutely! But the Lord is trying to help us understand that here is someone that recognizes the true God, here is someone that is willing to change by the grace of the Lord. And has been said, actions speak louder than words.

Joshua 2:14 So the men answered her, “**Our lives for yours**, if none of you tell this business of ours. And it shall be, when the Lord has given us the land, that **we will deal kindly and truly with you.**”

15 Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house *was* on the city wall; she dwelt on the wall.

16 And she said to them, “**Get to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you. Hide there three days, until the pursuers have returned. Afterward you may go your way.**”

Specific instructions

Joshua 2:17 So the men said to her: “We *will be* blameless of this oath of yours which you have made us swear,

18 unless, *when* we come into the land, **you bind this line of scarlet cord in the window** through which you let us down, and unless you **bring your father, your mother, your brothers, and all your father’s household to your own home.**

19 So it shall be *that* **whoever goes outside the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we will be guiltless. And whoever is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head if a hand is laid on him.**

20 And if you tell this business of ours, then we will be free from your oath which you made us swear.”

21 Then she said, “According to your words, so *be* it.” And she sent them away, and they departed. And she bound the scarlet cord in the window.

>>> In the case of rehab and the people of Israel a sign had to be placed so that lives could be spared:

- > Rahab: **scarlet cord in the window**
- > **people of Israel:** blood of the lamb on the lintel and the two doorposts

Exodus 12:13, 22, 23 Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you *are*. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy *you* when I strike the land of Egypt.

Exodus 12:22 And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that *is* in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning.

Exodus 12:23 For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike *you*.

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Rahab's deal is very clear: life for life and kindness for kindness. The word *chesed* (*Josh. 2:12*), "loving-kindness," has a richness of meaning that is difficult to express in one word in other languages. It refers primarily to covenantal loyalty, but it also carries the notion of faithfulness, mercy, benevolence, and kindness.

The words of Rahab are also reminiscent of Deuteronomy 7:12, where Yahweh Himself swore to keep His *chesed* toward Israel. "Then it shall come to pass, because you listen to these judgments, and keep and do them, that the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the mercy [*chesed*] which He swore to your fathers" (*Deut. 7:12, NKJV*).

Interestingly enough, the same chapter (*Deuteronomy 7*) prescribes the ban (*cherem*) on the Canaanites. Here is Rahab, a Canaanite who is under the ban, and yet she claims, by her emerging faith, the promises that were given to the Israelites. As a result, she is saved.

The first image that inevitably comes to mind related to the conversation of the spies with Rahab is the Passover at the Exodus. There, in order for the Israelites to be protected, they had to stay inside their homes and mark the doorposts and lintels of their houses with the blood of the sacrificial lamb.

"Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt" (*Exod. 12:13, NKJV; see also Exod. 12:22, 23*).

