

Joshua 2

v1

"And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho."

- The land had been promised and given to them but they did not advance foolishly and blasé. They acknowledged the enemy, they acknowledged the battle, they prayed and put strategy in place.
- It is wise for us to understand the flesh and consider proven strategies to deal with it and overcome it.
- *Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*
- *2 Corinthians 2:11 To keep Satan from getting the advantage over us; for we are not ignorant of his wiles and intentions.*
- *1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

v9-11

"I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you."
"For we have heard"

"our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God,"

- The mighty testimony of The Lord had gone before them. The Canaanites feared the God of the Israelites and His works.
- It's strikingly sad that God's people today don't have such a testimony. The world does not fear or reverence The Church.
- God has not changed!!
- *Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever."*
- Let us give this much thought and have faith to believe that The Lord is well able to work mightily through us. Let us not limit what He can do through our five loaves and two fishes. If only we would freely give Him our lives so that He may work His testimony through them.

v12-13

"I pray you, swear unto me by the LORD, since I have shewed you kindness, that ye will also shew kindness unto my father's house,"

- Rahab did not place her trust in Her king, or her city walls. Fearing The Lord, she pleaded for mercy and she trusted in Him. She feared The Lord! She had heard His testimony through His people and she feared and revered Him.
- It was the testimony of The Lord in His people that had such a dramatic and life changing effect. This principal has not changed.
- May it be that people look at my life and see a powerful testimony of God's mighty work. May I have the faith to serve and obey The Lord and not limit what He is capable of doing in my life. May I live for His glory, not for my comfort or gain!
- She pleaded for her family. Not just for herself. She petitioned for her household. May we recognise the imminent danger and intercede with such desperation for our families, friends and neighbours.

v18+21

"bind this line of scarlet thread"

"and she bound the scarlet line in the window."

- *Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."*
- It is no coincidence that the thread was scarlet. It was the blood that saved her.
- *Exodus 12:13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you..."*

v24

"Truly the LORD has delivered into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the country do faint because of us."

- I believe these men were men of faith to go and carry out this mission in the first place. They were risking their lives in enemy territory.
- The Lord orchestrated and lead their steps to Rahab. It was no chance or coincidence. Rahab becomes part of The Messiah's lineage!
- *Matthew 1:5 "And Salmon begat Booz of Rahab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse;"*
- What a tender and precious gift of The Lord to reveal and make plain the fear of the enemy. They left with such confidence and faith in His promise and command.
- They brought back an excited encouragement to the people. They shared confidence and increased faith!