



Near and Now

When My Calling Requires Courage – Rahab

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Warm Up Questions

*When reflecting on moments of your life,
have you ever experienced a sense of inadequacy to handle a task or situation?*

Give examples.



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Discussion Questions

1. What do you see in this image?
2. What do you feel looking at this image?
3. What stories from your own life does this image bring to mind?
4. What stories of the world does this image bring to mind?

According To Your Words So Be It.

Read [Joshua 2](#)

Bible Story Reflection

The story of Rahab in Joshua 2 showcases the extraordinary faith and courage of a woman faced with a life-altering decision. Rahab lived in a city that was known for its hostility toward the Israelites, who were about to conquer the land. Jericho's walls could not protect them from the fear of the known strength and victories of the Israelites. As a Canaanite prostitute living in Jericho, Rahab's encounter with two Israelite spies became a defining moment in her life. She was faced with a pivotal decision that would ultimately save her life and the lives of her family. Despite the risks involved, Rahab chose to trust in the God of Israel, hiding the spies on her rooftop and helping them escape.

Rahab's actions exemplify the transformative power of faith over fear. The city of Jericho represented the danger that surrounded her, yet Rahab's trust in God compelled her to take a leap of faith. She believed in God's promises and saw beyond the walls of her city. By aligning her life with God's purposes, Rahab not only saved herself and her family but also played a vital role in the fulfillment of God's plan for the Israelites.

This story highlights fear, faith, and the mercy of God. Fear is a natural response, but faith can overcome it - Rahab's story teaches us that fear is a common experience, but we can choose to trust in God and overcome our fears with faith. Faith requires action - Rahab's faith was not merely intellectual; it manifested in her actions. Like Rahab, we must demonstrate our faith through obedience and courageous choices. Finally, God's mercy is available to all. Despite her past, profession, or position in society, Rahab experienced God's mercy and redemption. Her story reminds us that God's love and grace are extended to all who turn to Him in faith.

In our own lives, there will be times when we may feel inadequate or overwhelmed by the challenges we face. Rahab's story teaches us that, despite our circumstances or past mistakes, we can find courage and strength in trusting God. Just as Rahab took a leap of faith and put her trust in God's promises, we too can overcome our fears by surrendering our lives to Him and aligning ourselves with His purposes. When danger is all around us, we can find solace in the fact that God is with us and will guide us through. In the name of Jesus, we can confidently approach the unknown, empowered by our faith and knowing that God's mercy and grace are sufficient for us.

Discussion Questions

1. Can you recall a situation where you felt fear similar to Rahab?
2. How did your faith play a role in this situation?
3. How can Rahab's actions inspire us to act courageously despite our fears?
4. How does Rahab's story illustrate the transformative power of faith?
5. How did Rahab's actions and faith affect others around her?
6. How can you extend God's mercy and grace to someone regardless of their position in society?
7. How can you encourage another to step out in faith and overcome fear?
8. What are some ways we can actively demonstrate faith over fear and make a positive difference in the world?

Activity Suggestions

1. Fold a paper in half - one the first side, write a list of 5 personal fears. Take a moment to reflect on those fears. Next to the fear, write the specific ways you will overcome these fears.
2. Throughout your day, find an opportunity to extend the love of God to someone that society might overlook.
3. Using a red piece of yarn or string, create a symbol of faith and courage. Place this symbol somewhere you can be reminded of the faith you should have over fear - like Rahab.

Prayer concerns

Those overcome with fear or a feeling of inadequacy.

Closing Prayer

Help me to trust you, O God, when danger is all around. In the name of +Jesus, Amen.

