

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WEEK 10



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This week, Shannon Coon gave us a very thought provoking and convicting message to sit with! By diving into the story of Rahab and the two spies, Pastor Coon, poses the question of what is the difference between having faith **IN** God and being faithful **TO** God! "Walking the walk, not just talking the talk". God is in the business of using anybody who is willing and faithful.

- Where do you see yourself in this story?
- How does Pastor Coon's theme strike you?
- What encourages you the most about Rahab?



Take a moment to read this passage together as a group, paying attention to the faithfulness of Rahab and how she welcomed the spies: *commentary below

Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof **9** and said to them, “I know that the Lord has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. **10** We have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea[a] for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. [b] **11** When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone’s courage failed because of you, for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.

12 “Now then, please swear to me by the Lord that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign **13** that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them—and that you will save us from death.”

14 “Our lives for your lives!” the men assured her. “If you don’t tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully when the Lord gives us the land.”

COMMENTARY ON THE PASSAGE



The piety of Rahab in receiving and protecting these Israelites. Those that keep public-houses entertain all comers, and think themselves obliged to be civil to their guests. But Rahab showed her guests more than common civility, and went upon an uncommon principle in what she did; it was by faith that she received those with peace against whom her king and country had denounced war;

She hereupon makes profession of her faith in God and his promise; and perhaps there was not found so great faith (all things considered), no, not in Israel, as in this woman of Canaan.

She engaged them to take her and her relations under their protection, that they might not perish in the destruction of Jericho, v. 12, 13. Now, It was an evidence of the sincerity and strength of her faith concerning the approaching revolution in her country



DISCUSS WITH YOUR GROUP

- What is Rahab teaching us about faithfulness and trust in God's mission?
- How does this story move you to think about your trust and faithfulness to God and what he is doing around you?
- What is the main difference between having faith in God and being faithful to God?
- what does this mean for you in living out your faith?
- How does this story of Rahab and the spies impact your view of God?

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- Joshua 2:10-11

