



EASTER

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Joshua 2 – 6; Matthew 1:21

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MESSAGE NOTES

And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and lodged there. – Joshua 2:1 (ESV)

... was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? – James 2:25 (ESV)

By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. – Hebrews 11:31 (ESV)

- **Trust God to use your mess as part of His message**

... and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins. – Matthew 1:21 (ESV)

But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. And she said, "True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from. And when the gate was about to be closed at dark, the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them." – Joshua 2:4 – 5 (ESV)

Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was built into the city wall, so that she lived in the wall. – Joshua 2:15 (ESV)

Behold, when we come into the land, you shall tie this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and you shall gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your father's household. – Joshua 2:18 (ESV)

For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. ... for the Lord your God, He is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. – Joshua 2:10 – 11 (ESV)

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. – 1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV)

- **Trust God to open windows of grace**

He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? – Romans 8:32 (ESV)



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- **Trust God to give you new dreams**

And when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat. — Joshua 6:5 (ESV)

So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted a great shout, and the wall fell down flat ... and they captured the city. — Joshua 6:20 (ESV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion Starter: Share what your favorite thing about Easter is, whether it is something to do with the resurrection story, a family tradition, or a favorite Easter food.
- Pastor Jason sometimes says, “Your past doesn’t define you, but it does inform you.” What does that mean, and how does God use our mess as part of His amazing message?
- Read Hebrews 11:31, which is sometimes called God’s great hall of faith. Why does the author of Hebrews still refer to Rahab as a “prostitute” even though she is being remembered for her faith.
- What key truth did you take away from the teaching this Sunday?
- Read Matthew 1:5. Why is it significant that Rahab, a Canaanite woman, is in the lineage of Christ?