



Faith In The Strangest Place

Series: *The Venture and Victory of Faith*, Book of Joshua, #3

Joshua 2:1-24

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Theme: **God's grace is available to all.**

The strangest place.

1. Jericho, a condemned city.
(1; 6:1-27; Deuteronomy 20:16-20)
2. Rahab, a condemned woman.
(1; 6:17, 22, 25; Hebrews 11:31; James 2:25)

The supernatural transformation.

1. By God's grace.
(2:14; 6:17, 22-23, 25 compare Deuteronomy 20:16-20; John 3:16; Ephesians 2:4-5, 8-9)
2. Through faith.
(8-13; Romans 3:20; Galatians 2:16, 20; 3:6-9; Hebrews 11:31)

The striking lessons.

Just two of a number of striking lessons:

1. God's grace is available to all.
(8-14; 6:17, 22, 25; Psalm 19:1; John 3:14-16; Acts 2:21; 17:22-28; Romans 1:19-20; 10:13; compare Ephesians 1:3-6 and 2:1-10; James 2:10; Revelation 22:17)
2. We often do not, cannot see God's specific purposes ahead of time.
(1; 8-14; 6:17-25; Genesis 45:4-8; 50:20; Matthew 1:5-16; Acts 2:22-36; 16:6 and following; Galatians 2:14; James 2:25)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Joshua 2 gives us history and an example of the truth that God's grace is available to all. Read the chapter and then page forward and read 6:12-27. The city was condemned (see Deuteronomy 20:16-20) and Rahab was an open sinner. Yet God's grace was available in that strange situation—just as it is in all the strangest places today. Thank God for this.

Tuesday. Rahab was transformed by God in the same way people always have been and always will be—by God's grace through faith. Rahab did not deserve to be saved, it was by God's grace. Rahab stated her belief in 2:11. Identify specific actions of her faith that demonstrate it was more than subscribing to a set of facts.

Wednesday. Today focus on the central truth we noted on Sunday—*God's grace is available to all*. God's truth and grace are revealed through nature (e.g., Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:19-20), which point people to God. Salvation has always been a work of God's grace in people who believe His truth, today in the gospel. Are there people you have given up on, some you think will/could never come to saving faith? If so, realign your thinking, prayer and actions to God's grace being available to reach and save them.

Thursday. We often do not and cannot see God's specific purposes ahead of time. The two spies had no idea they would be God's "messengers" of salvation (see James 2:25). Rahab had no idea she would not only be accepted in Israel, but be in the line of King David, and then the Messiah, Jesus Christ. What does this tell you about the opportunities, responsibilities and challenges that are in front of you?

Friday–Saturday. On Sunday we will continue in Joshua with 3:1-17. Read through these verses as part of your preparation for our time of worship together.