

Deciding What You're Worth

Series: *“Earthquakes and Aftershocks”*

Message #4: Joshua 2

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Joshua 2:1-21 – Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two men as spies from the Acacia Grove, saying, “Go and scout the land, especially Jericho.” So they left, and they came to the house of a prostitute named Rahab, and stayed there.

²The king of Jericho was told, “Look, some of the Israelite men have come here tonight to investigate the land.”

³Then the king of Jericho sent word to Rahab and said, “Bring out the men who came to you and entered your house, for they came to investigate the entire land.”

⁴But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. So she said, “Yes, the men did come to me, but I didn’t know where they were from. ⁵At nightfall, when the city gate was about

to close, the men went out, and I don't know where they were going. Chase after them quickly, and you can catch up with them!" ⁶*But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them among the stalks of flax that she had arranged on the roof.* ⁷*The men pursued them along the road to the fords of the Jordan, and as soon as they left to pursue them, the city gate was shut.*

⁸Before the men fell asleep, she went up on the roof ⁹and said to them, “I know that the LORD has given you this land and that the terror of you has fallen on us, and everyone who lives in the land is panicking because of you. ¹⁰For 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 Sihon and

Og, the two Amorite kings you completely destroyed across the Jordan. ¹¹When we heard this, we lost heart, and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on earth below. ¹²Now please swear to me by the LORD that you will also show kindness to my father's family, because I showed kindness to you.

Give me a sure sign ¹³that you will spare the lives of my father, mother, brothers, sisters, and all who belong to them, and save us from death.”

¹⁴The men answered her, “We will give our lives for yours. If you don’t report our mission, we will show kindness and faithfulness to you when the LORD gives us the land. ... ¹⁷We will be free from this oath you made us swear,

18 unless, when we enter the land, you tie this scarlet cord to the window through which you let us down.” ...

21 “Let it be as you say,” she replied, and she sent them away. After they had gone, she tied the scarlet cord to the window.

**1. Something has to
stop you in your
tracks.**

**2. You've got to hear
God's voice in the
moment.**

**3. Sooner or later
you've got to
decide who you're
going to be.**

Joshua 2:21 – *“Let it be as you say,” she replied, and she sent them away. After they had gone, she tied the scarlet cord to the window.*

Joshua 6:25 – (CSB) – *Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, her father's family, and all who belonged to her, because she hid the messengers Joshua had sent to spy on Jericho, and she still lives in Israel today.*

4. Lessons from the lady in red:

Matthew 1:5 (CSB) - *Salmon fathered Boaz by Rahab, Boaz fathered Obed by Ruth, Obed fathered Jesse, ⁶and Jesse fathered King David.*