

UNLIKELY HEROES

EXTRAORDINARY PLANS
FOR ORDINARY PEOPLE



RAHAB AND YOU TOO.

Right off the bat in Joshua 2, we're introduced to a handful of people just not measuring up.

We see two spies found out within hours of entering the city and a woman making a living by selling her body.

And yet, as the chapter continues, we see God use each of these people to eventually get the Israelites into the Promised Land.

Whether it's prostitution, failing at a spy job, or *perhaps* something else - we've all messed up.

And God still wants to use you.

Rahab played a pretty critical role in Israel's entrance into Jericho... but God wasn't done with her there. Hundreds and hundreds of years later, she was in the lineage of Jesus Christ as well.

You're not too broken, not too inexperienced, not too ordinary to be used by God.

Dig into your current reality. Love the people around you well. Speak truth and strength and joy. You may never see the impact you make - but know that God certainly won't waste you.

IN THE BIBLE.

Joshua 2:1-6

Then Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two spies from Shittim. “Go, look over the land,” he said, “especially Jericho.” So they went and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there.

The king of Jericho was told, “Look, some of the Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land.” So the king of Jericho sent this message to Rahab: “Bring out the men who came to you and entered your house, because they have come to spy out the whole land.”

But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. She said, “Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from. At dusk, when it was time to close the city gate, they left. I don’t know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You may catch up with them.” (But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax she had laid out on the roof.)

Joshua 2:24

[The spies] said to Joshua, “The Lord has surely given the whole land into our hands; all the people are melting in fear because of us.”

1 Corinthians 1:24-26, 29-31

But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God’s weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength.

Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world’s eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you...

...As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.

God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin. Therefore, as the Scriptures say, “If you want to boast, boast only about the Lord.”

QUESTIONS.

1. What major themes stick out to you from Rahab's story?
2. What are things that stop you from thinking God can/will use you to make an impact in people's lives?
3. When is a time God has worked through you?
4. What can you do to prepare for opportunities God puts in your path?

Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:

1. What does this tell you about God?
2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?