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SERIES OVERVIEW:

The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is also the God of Sarah, Rahab, Ruth, Hannah and Esther. God has left us their stories as examples for how He works in the lives of those devoted to Him. Join us for this 5-week series as we study these Women of Faith. Fear of God's power leads to faith in God's plan. Courageous faith is seeing something promised as something done because of the reliability of the One making the promise.

MESSAGE TAKEAWAYS:

COURAGEOUS FAITH IS SEEING SOMETHING PROMISED AS SOMETHING DONE BECAUSE OF THE RELIABILITY OF THE ONE MAKING THE PROMISE.

GOD USES MESSY PEOPLE.

GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE ISN'T LIMITED TO YOUR PAST.

GOD DOESN'T PLAY FAVORITES. NEITHER SHOULD WE.

GOD'S HEART ALWAYS BEATS FOR REVIVAL.

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS:

- What are some different ways you see God's providence and plan in the story of Rahab? How can seeing His faithfulness in the past impact how you respond to what you are facing in your life right now?
- Pastor Brannon talked about revival as the movement from "God give me what I want" to "Jesus, whatever you want, I want to be part of." Brannon talked about how sometimes, as Christians, we don't want revival; we just want to remember. Read Isaiah 43:19, then discuss the challenge between remembering to remind ourselves of God's faithfulness versus wanting to "go back to the way things were."
- "God uses messy people." Have you ever felt you were too broken, too sinful, or even too boring and regular to be used by God? How does the story of Rahab speak to you in this?

- Pastor Brannon talked about the gap between what we know and love about God and what we live out about God. Scripture shows God working through the most unlikely people and situations. Talk as a group or reflect as an individual about the challenge of posturing your everyday life in the belief that God can work through people who aren't put together or aren't yet living in His intended ways. What tensions or responses do you feel or believe you have to "get right?"
 - Be encouraged, rest in His work and power: Jesus has simply asked you to be faithful to the people He is working to draw, not as projects with timelines and results you are responsible for.
- "God doesn't play favorites, and neither should we." Who is someone in your life right now that God seems to be bringing to you as the every day and everyone with whom you can share Jesus? Is this stretching for you? How can your group pray with you as you seek to be obedient?

FINAL THOUGHTS:

As we continue on this journey, we would love to help you in any way we can. If you are wondering what next steps are right for you, please reach out, and we'd love to have a conversation with you or your group about the season you are in and the places Jesus has entrusted to you as you seek to be formed by His Word.

Meet with a Pastor: https://ncchapel.churchcenter.com/people/forms/551596