

## TRUE & BETTER — WEEK 2

TITLE: The Gospel Concealed in Rahab, Revealed in Christ

MAIN SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: Joshua 2:1–24; 6:22–25

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# I. A GENTILE COMES TO FAITH AND IS COUNTED AMONG GOD'S PEOPLE (JOSHUA 2:1-14)

- A. Spies enter Jericho and lodge at Rahab's house (Joshua 2:1-7)
  - 1. Joshua sends spies into the land, especially Jericho (Joshua 2:1; Numbers 13)
  - 2. Rahab encounters messengers from the King of Jericho (Joshua 2:2-7)
- B. A conversation and confession of faith take place (Joshua 2:8-14)
  - 1. Rahab recounts what she knows of Israel and Yahweh (Joshua 2:8-10; Exodus 15:14-16; Numbers 21:21-25, 31-35)
  - 2. Rahab confesses faith in Yahweh (Joshua 2:11; Deuteronomy 4:37-39)
  - 3. Rahab and the spies come to an agreement (Joshua 2:12-14)
- C. The seeds of the gospel in Rahab come to full bloom in Christ (Ephesians 3:4-6)
  - 1. In Christ, Jews and Gentiles are one people (Ephesians 2:11-14, 19-22)
  - 2. Rahab becomes an ancestor of Christ (Joshua 6:25b; Ruth 4:18-21; Matthew 1:4-6)

## II. A SIGN OF DELIVERANCE IS GIVEN (JOSHUA 2:15-22)

- A. Rahab gives instructions for a safe escape (Joshua 2:15-16)
- B. A scarlet cord serves as a sign of deliverance (Joshua 2:17-20)
  - 1. Rahab requests a sign to ensure the safety of her and her family (Joshua 2:12-13)
  - 2. The spies draw on the Passover as inspiration (Joshua 2:17-20; Exodus 12:7, 13)
  - 3. The scarlet cord looks back and forward (John 1:29; I Peter 1:18-21; I John 4:9-11)
- C. A verbal agreement and the sign is performed (Joshua 2:21-22)

## III. SAVING FAITH IS EVIDENCED BY ACTION (JOSHUA 6:22-25)

- A. Joshua tells the spies to retrieve Rahab and her relatives (Joshua 2:22-23)
- B. Rahab is saved and lives among Israel (Joshua 2:24-25)
  - 1. Her life was transformed (Joshua 2:25; Matthew 1:5; Deuteronomy 4:5-9; 6:7)
  - Rahab was saved by faith and hospitality
     (Joshua 2:25; Hebrews 11:31; John 3:16-18; 36)
- C. Faith is made evident by our obedient action (James 2:22-26; Joshua 24:15; Hebrews 4:1-2, 6-7)

#### **SOMETHING NEW TO ME**

#### WHAT I HEARD ABOUT THE GOSPEL

### **SERMON REFLECTIONS**

 Describe how Rahab confessed her faith in God. What can we learn about faith in God from this example?

2. What sign do the spies give Rahab to ensure the safety of her and her family? How does this sign point back to the Passover? How does is point forward to Christ?

3. Describe in your own words how Rahab is a type of Christ. How does she foreshadow him?

### ATTRIBUTES OF GOD I HEARD (CIRCLE THE ONES MENTIONED)

Good Wise Wrathful Merciful

Just Jealous Faithful Perfect

Holy Gracious Patient Love

#### **KEY WORDS** (WRITE WHAT THESE WORDS MEAN)

Typology-

Other:

Confession -

Descendant -

## **NOTES OR DRAWINGS ABOUT WHAT I HEARD**