The Walls Of Jericho Fall

Tony Mauck · Joshua 2:1–18

INTRODUCTION

- Anything that's ever been found in archaeology only corroborates the Bible story because these words are true.
- They marched around one time for six days, and then on the seventh day they went around seven times.
- These verses evidence that Rahab believed in the God of Israel.

1 Rahab Is an Unlikely Hero

Matthew 15; Matthew 21; Luke 7

- Consider how little information she had regarding the God of Israel, a God that the people of Jericho did not serve and did not honor.
- But the little information she had was sufficient to promote faith in her.
- We have been given more evidence than even the Israelites possessed.
- She was undeserving of grace. But so are we.
- Despite her immoral surroundings, she chose faith in God.
- We can choose faith in immoral surroundings.

2 Rahab's Conversion Story Is Not Without a Snag

Joshua 2; Titus 1:2; 2 Samuel 11

- But Rahab's conversion story is not without a snag. She didn't tell the truth.
- God cannot approve of behavior that is opposed to his own character.
- The Bible in the Old Testament does not always provide editorial comment. Even about the action of its heroes.
- How can not being a truth teller be a lesser law? When God is a God of truth and does not lie.
- Providence does not argue approval.
- There is no reason to point out the case of Rahab and to suggest that any occasion would ever be acceptable for us to lie.

3 Rahab's Decision to Shelter the Spies Involved Risk

Hebrews 11:31; Matthew 10

- Rahab's decision to shelter the spies involved risk. By welcoming the spies, she placed herself in the midst of peril.
- By faith Rahab, the harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedient after she had welcomed the spies in peace.
- When you launch out in faith, that could potentially mean some risk.

- Whenever you step out in faith, that involves a risk.
- But the strength of her faith caused her to do what she did.

4 The History That Matters Revolves Around Those Who Serve God

Hebrews 11:31; James 2:14–26; Matthew 1

- Of all the women of the Old Testament, the most often referenced and noted woman in the New Testament is Sarah. But second is Rahab the harlot.
- Time would fail me, the Hebrew writer said, but it did not fail him to include Rahab.
- And a harlot finds her way into the ancestry of the Savior of the world.
- The history that matters. Revolves around those who serve God. These are the people that he remembers.
- Ultimately, the achievement that matters is the achievement of faith. And having one's name written in the Lamb's Book of Life.
- God remembers and lauds Rahab, a former harlot. Not Pharaoh or the builders of the pyramids.

THE CHALLENGE

And so who are you on the inside? Do you have this kind of trust in the God of Israel? Will you take your stand with him regardless of the cost?

MY NOTES