



The sons of Israel are on the verge of reclaiming Canaan, the Promised Land. Their leader while wandering in the wilderness, Moses, has died and Joshua is the new leader. They have crossed the Jordan and are camped just outside the great walled city of Jericho, Canaan lies ahead. This is the background and setting of Rahab's story.

1. Before we begin our study of Rahab, read Matthew 1:1-5. What important role does Rahab play in Christian history?
2. Read Joshua 2:1-2. Who was Rahab? (occupation, nationality, city of residence, social status) What kind of home do you think Rahab grew up in?
3. Read Joshua 2:1-7. What did the King of Jericho know about the two men Joshua sent? Why do you think that Rahab lied about the two men?
4. Read Joshua 2:8-11. What did Rahab know about the two men? What had she heard? What did she believe?
5. Read Joshua 2:12-14. What deal did Rahab make with the two men? What evidences of faith are seen in this passage?





6. Read Joshua 2:15-24. What were the details of the plan? What was their secret signal? See Hebrews 11:1 and describe their faith.
  
7. Read Joshua 6:1-2. What was the atmosphere or mood of Jericho? Why? (Read Exodus 15:18 to see why they might have been feeling the way they did.) What announcement about Jericho did God give to Joshua?
  
8. Read Joshua 6:3-14. What instructions for battle did God give to Joshua? What would happen when the orders were carried out? How did the people respond?
  
9. Read Joshua 6:15-21. What happened on the seventh day? What additional directions were they to follow?
  
10. Read Joshua 6:22-27. What happened to Rahab? Who else was affected by Rahab's faith? Who does your faith have an affect on? How?





11. Read Joshua 6:25 and Hebrews 11:30-31. Who is Rahab now? (occupation, nationality, city of residence, social status) What are your thoughts about this?
  
12. Read James 2:14-26. Both Abraham and Rahab are used together to teach a very important theological truth about faith. What truth is being explained in this passage?
  
13. What are your thoughts about God's use of Rahab alongside Abraham to teach the truth of James 2:14-26. Compare your answer to Ephesians 2:8-9.
  
14. What personal applications can you make to your own life from your study of Rahab?

