

Joshua 2.

Spies Sent to Jericho

2 Joshua son of Nun secretly sent out two spies from Acacia and said to them, “Go and look at the land, particularly at the city of Jericho.”

So the men went to Jericho and stayed at the house of a prostitute named Rahab.

2 Someone told the king of Jericho, “Some men from Israel have come here tonight to spy out the land.”

3 So the king of Jericho sent this message to Rahab: “Bring out the men who came to you and entered your house. They have come to spy out our whole land.”

4 But the woman had hidden the two men. She said, “They did come here, but I didn’t know where they came from. 5 In the evening, when it was time to close the city gate, they left. I don’t know where they went, but if you go quickly, maybe you can catch them.” 6 (The woman had taken the men up to the roof^[a] and had hidden them there under stalks of flax that she had spread out.) 7 So the king’s men went out looking for the spies on the road that leads to the crossings of the Jordan River. The city gate was closed just after the king’s men left the city.



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⁸ Before the spies went to sleep for the night, Rahab went up to the roof. ⁹ She said to them, “I know the LORD has given this land to your people. You frighten us very much. Everyone living in this land is terribly afraid of you ¹⁰ because we have heard how the LORD dried up the Red Sea when you came out of Egypt. We have heard how you destroyed Sihon and Og, two Amorite kings who lived east of the Jordan. ¹¹ When we heard this, we were very frightened. Now our men are afraid to fight you because the LORD your God rules the heavens above and the earth below! ¹² So now, promise me before the LORD that you will show kindness to my family just as I showed kindness to you. Give me some proof that you will do this. ¹³ Allow my father, mother, brothers, sisters, and all of their families to live. Save us from death.”

¹⁴ The men agreed and said, “It will be our lives for your lives if you don’t tell anyone what we are doing. When the LORD gives us the land, we will be kind and true to you.”

¹⁵ The house Rahab lived in was built on the city wall, so she used a rope to let the men down through a window. ¹⁶ She said to them, “Go into the hills so the king’s men will not find you. Hide there for three days. After the king’s men return, you may go on your way.”

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17 The men said to her, “You must do as we say. If not, we cannot be responsible for keeping this oath you have made us swear. **18** When we return to this land, you must tie this red rope in the window through which you let us down. Bring your father, mother, brothers, and all your family into your house.

19 If anyone leaves your house and is killed, it is his own fault. We cannot be responsible for him. If anyone in your house is hurt, we will be responsible.

20 But if you tell anyone about this, we will be free from the oath you made us swear.”

21 Rahab answered, “I agree to this.” So she sent them away, and they left. Then she tied the red rope in the window.

22 The men left and went into the hills where they stayed for three days. The king’s men looked for them all along the road, but after three days, they returned to the city without finding them. **23** Then the two men started back. They left the hills and crossed the river and came to Joshua son of Nun and told him everything that had happened to them. **24** They said, “The LORD surely has given us all of the land. All the people in that land are terribly afraid of us.”

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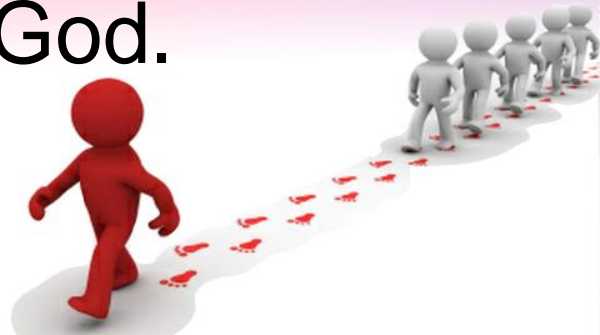


'Why are we here?'



We have come together in the name of Christ:-

to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may
give ourselves to the service of God.



Our God is a great big God



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Our God is a great big God
And He holds us in His hands.



He's higher than a sky scraper
And He's deeper than a submarine.

He's wider than the universe
And beyond my wildest dreams.

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And He's known me and He's loved
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Since before the world began.

How wonderful to be a part
Of God's amazing plan.



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Joshua becomes the Leader



- Foundation, Ignite, and Roots are on today. Leave just before 9.45. We meet for coffee together at 10.30 in the hall.
- Relax, enjoy, it's a shush free church; noise is expected, explorers can explore, babies can cry, children can eat and play.
- Next week is Family Service at 9:31. Foundation meets in the hall as usual.
- Offering baskets at the back.



Wise Leaders: Joshua



I Spy!



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Be bold, be strong

Be bold, be strong

for the Lord your God is with you.

Be bold, be strong,

for the Lord your God is with you.

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I am not afraid,
I am not dismayed,
because I'm walking in
faith and victory,
come on and walk in faith and victory,
for the Lord your God is with you.



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Ignite and Foundation
families go to their activities.



If we stay in here today,
Or go to a different place,
Thank you God that you are there,
So we can seek your face.

Amen



How great is our God

The splendour of the King,

Clothed in majesty;

Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.

He wraps himself in light,

And darkness tries to hide,

And trembles at His voice

And trembles at His voice.



How great is our God,
Sing with me: how great is our God.
And all will see how great, how great,
Is our God.

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And age to age He stands,
And time is in His hands;
Beginning and the end, beginning and
the end.

The Godhead, Three in One,
Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb,
The Lion and the Lamb.



How great is our God,
Sing with me: how great is our God.
And all will see how great, how great,
Is our God.

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Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise,
My heart will sing:
How great is our God.

(repeat)

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How great is our God,
Sing with me: how great is our God.
And all will see how great, how great,
Is our God.

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Mighty to Save



Everyone needs compassion,
Love that's never failing;
Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness,
The kindness of a Saviour;
The hope of nations.



Saviour, he can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save,
He is mighty to save.

Forever, author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.

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So take me as You find me,
All my fears and failures,
Fill my life again.

I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in,
Now I surrender.



Saviour, he can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save,
He is mighty to save.

Forever, author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.

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Shine your light and let the whole world see;

We're singing for the glory of the risen king, Jesus.

Shine your light and let the whole world see;

We're singing for the glory of the risen king.



Saviour, he can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save,
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Prayer of repentance

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Light of the World



Light of the world you stepped down into
darkness

Opened my eyes let me see

Beauty that makes this heart adore You

Hope of a life spent with You



So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that you're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

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King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in Heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth you created
All for loves sake became poor

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So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that you my God
You altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

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I'll never know how much it cost to see
my sin upon that cross
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Reading Joshua 2. 1 - 22



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Two Very Different Leaders

Joshua and Rahab



- 1) **Joshua** puts his calling into action.
- 2) He plans carefully, chooses reliable people and delegates key tasks.
- 3) He receives feedback and acts on what he has been told.
- 4) He honours the commitment his spies made.



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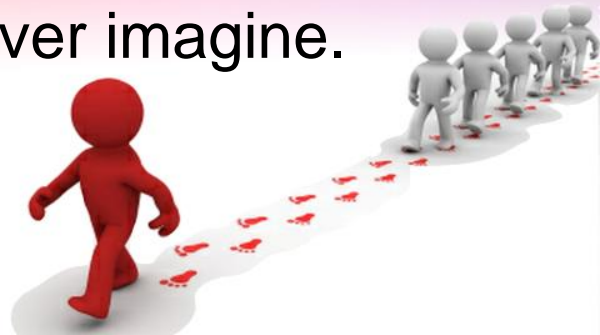
- 1) **Rahab:** a most unlikely choice of a leader, a prostitute, a powerless woman in a man's brutal world
- 2) She looks at the big picture and sees what God is doing.
- 3) She acts with courage and wisdom, risking her own life.
- 4) She gains commitment from the spies for herself and her family
- 5) She follows through by helping the spies escape and later saving her family by gathering them in her home and hanging out red cord as a signal to the attackers.
- 6) She is an ancestor of Jesus.



What does this mean for us?



1. Faith has to turn into action. We need to **discover what God has called us to do, remember that he can do the impossible, then do it wisely.**
2. We need to learn to **delegate**: delegating stops us getting overloaded, wins commitment from others and gets the job done.
3. We need to **be adventurous and take risks**. We must not be put off by fear or a sense of inadequacy.
4. We need to **think out of the box**, allowing God to use unlikely people or circumstances to help us.
5. We need to **follow through** to get the task done.
6. We need to **trust God for the outcome**. Our obedience can win results we can never imagine.



Jehovah Jireh



Jehovah Jireh
My provider
His grace is sufficient
For me, for me, for me

Jehovah Jireh
My provider
His grace is sufficient
For me



My God shall supply all my needs
According to His riches in glory
He will give His angels
Charge over me

Jehovah Jireh cares for me, for me, for me
Jehovah Jireh cares for me

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A time to pray...

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The Lord's Prayer



Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.



Next week: Joshua and the City of Jericho



The 9.31 Family Service
9:45: Foundation Family Café Service

3:00 Memorial Service

Right Now

Coffee in the hall

Offering baskets at door



Our God Reigns



How lovely on the mountains are the feet of
Him

Who brings good news, good news
Proclaiming peace, announcing news of
happiness

Our God reigns, our God reigns

Our God reigns, our God reigns
Our God reigns, our God reigns



You watchmen lift your voices joyfully as one
Shout for your King, your King
See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion
Your God reigns, your God reigns!

Your God reigns, your God reigns
Your God reigns, your God reigns

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Waste places of Jerusalem break forth with
joy

We are redeemed, redeemed

The Lord has saved and comforted His
people

Your God reigns, your God reigns!

Your God reigns, Your God reigns

Your God reigns, Your God reigns

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Ends of the earth, see the salvation of your
God

Jesus is Lord, is Lord

Before the nations He has bared His holy arm

Your God reigns, your God reigns!

Your God reigns, your God reigns!



The Grace



May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, forevermore. Amen.

