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"A Study in Strength"

Faith in Action:

Joshua 2:1-24

The faith of Rahab is recorded in the "Faith Chapter" in Hebrews: **By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.** (Hebrews 11:31)

James also mentions her: **And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?** (James 2:25)

What can we learn as men...from the faith of this woman?

She acted at her own peril:

Then the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land. (Joshua 2:3)

She Knew...She had no doubts:

"I know that the Lord has given you the land, (Joshua 2:9)

She heard of God...and believed:

For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, (Joshua 2:10)

She believed in the One True God:

And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the Lord your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. (Joshua 2:11)

➤ **Instead of trusting in the walls of Jericho...she put her trust in God**

Rahab:

- Acted
- Knew
- Heard
- Believed
- Trusted

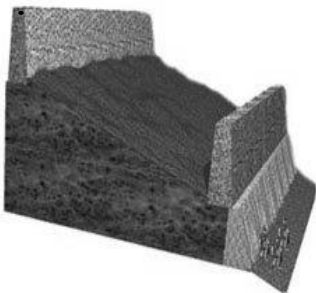
Faith (like love) is an action word!

By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. (Hebrews 11:30)

Once the Israelites had crossed into the Promised Land...God instructed Joshua, to take it by force.

The first city they came upon was the city of Jericho which was a fortified city; some believe the city covered about 9 acres.

The walls that surrounded it were double-walled...which were about 15 feet apart...If you got past one wall...you would enter a killing zone which was (uphill) between two walls.



By faith...the walls literally crumbled to the earth after the army marched around the city walls once a day for six days and seven times on the seventh day.

Seems crazy doesn't it...the army outside that city was far superior to the army inside the walls of that city. They could have just attacked the city with their superior force. It must have been a struggle for the valiant fighting men that Joshua had with him. They must have wanted to take that city by might and prove their superiority.

But God would draw up the battle plan...God would give them the victory.

All that was required of the army was faith...by faith they believed God and by faith they obeyed!

Everyone within the city died with the exception of Rahab and her family.

She acted in faith...and hid the spies shelter...something she could have easily been killed for.

In time she adapted the Hebrew culture, then married and gave birth to a son named Boaz, who grew to be a man, the husband of Ruth...and the grandfather of a king named David.

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How do we act in faith?

Examples of acting in faith

Do you act in faith?

