God is Still Working

Sometimes the circumstances of our life can feel overwhelming and impossible to navigate. Is there something from your past that causes you to feel trapped or unlovable? Or does a current trial seem insurmountable and make you feel like you don't belong? During life's difficult seasons, it can feel like God has given up on you. But at times like these, the story of Rahab and the Israelite spies can encourage and challenge our faith. This story reminds us that God is not limited by our past, by our current circumstances, or by our perspectives. Even when we least expect it or can't see it, God is still at work advancing his plan and fulfilling his promises for your life.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- What type of person would you least expect God to work through? Why?
- Have you ever been surprised or taken off guard by how God worked through a particular situation or person?



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READ Joshua 2

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- While reflecting on Israel's history and Rahab's story in segment 1, host Scott Hoezee says, "God is also able to work in all of our muddled, moral messes." What does this statement mean to you? Is there a situation in your life for which this provides hope?
- Rahab was an unlikely source of help for the Israelites, but God worked through her strong faith to continue fulfilling his promises to them. Who is the most unlikely person who has encouraged your faith? Or what was the most unlikely situation through which God taught you a lesson in faith?
- In segment 2, Scott and host Darrell Delaney state that the scarlet discord has become a powerful, well-known biblical image. What are we meant to remember from Rahab's story when we see the scarlet cord image? What is it meant to symbolize?
- Reread Joshua 2:8-14. Rahab's courageous faith is her legacy and what she is remembered for (James 2:21-26 and Hebrews 11:29-31). How do you want to be remembered?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

Numbers 13:26-14:45, Joshua 6, James 2:21-26, Hebrews 11:29-31, Matthew 1:1-6, Genesis 12:1-3

CONCLUSION

Spend some time reflecting on your life. What are some of the unlikely ways God has worked in your life? How has he surprised you? Where do you still see him working through your "muddled, moral messes"? Write a bold declaration of faith like Rahab's in Joshua 2:8-11.

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