

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. What hinders you from becoming a hero? Ask God to help you overcome these hindrances and give you godly confidence.

2. Do you find yourself relying on your own strength when doing good deeds? Start relying on God's strength and He will enable you to do greater things than you can imagine.

3. Are you willing to do things that will benefit the next generation? What will you do to make this happen?

PRAYER

On the space provided below, record prayer requests and answers to prayer.



Rahab's Heroism

WARM-UP

1. Who is your favorite superhero? In what ways are you and your superhero alike?

2. What does it take to become a hero?

3. How would you define a heroic act?

WORD

⁴But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. She said, "Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from. ⁵At dusk, when it was time to close the city gate, the men left. I don't know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You may catch up with them." ⁶(But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax she had laid out on the roof.)

Joshua 2:4-6
(Read Joshua 2:2-3; 7-11)

But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

I Corinthians 1:27

Everyone is looking for a hero or wants to be one. But oftentimes, our past and our weaknesses cause us to give up on this dream. Following are three lessons we can learn about heroism from the life of Rahab.

1. God can make us heroes despite our background.

²⁸He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things — and the things that are not — to nullify the things that are, ²⁹so that no one may boast before him.
I Corinthians 1:28,29

Who she was did not hinder Rahab from facing the king's officials boldly and covering up for the spies from Israel. What can we learn from Rahab's example?

2. Faith made Rahab a hero.

By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.
Hebrews 11:31

²⁵In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? ²⁶As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

James 2:25,26

The whole of Jericho had heard about God but only Rahab believed and put her faith into action. Because of this, Rahab and her family were kept safe. What happens if we believe God yet we don't do something about our faith?

3. Generations benefited from Rahab's heroism.

¹A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham: ²Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers . . . ⁵Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David. . . .

Matthew 1:1,2; 5,6

Rahab's faith did not only save her family when the Israelites conquered Jericho but she became one of Jesus' ancestors. Recall a time when your faith resulted in many getting blessed. How did you feel?
