

Deepening The Walk

Faith Takes Risks

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What does it mean to take a risk for God? Will the decision you need to make be one you must make in a split second or will you have time to think it over? In the case of Rahab, it seems she didn't have time to think it over. Instead, Scripture jumps right into stating how she took the Israelite men in and lied to the king about their location. In doing so she risked her own life. So what helps one make such quick decisions to take a risk. Let's look at Rahab's story and discover the background of her faith.

Begin by familiarizing yourself with the full story of Rahab and the spies by reading Joshua 2 and Joshua 6.

Faith above the fear of man: How does Rahab's response to the king's men in Joshua 2:4-5 show that her faith in the God of the Israeli people was greater than the fear of man?

How does Rahab's request to the spies in Joshua 2:9-13 show she had knowledge of God? How did her response show she had faith in God?

Realizing The Risks:

What risks was Rahab taking by the following actions?

- Hiding the two men and lying to the king (Joshua 2:4-7) _____

- Requesting special treatment from the spies (Joshua 2:8-13) _____

- Leaving the scarlet rope in the window for all to see (Joshua 2:17-21) _____

The blessing from the risk:

What was the ultimate blessing that Rahab and her family received from her stepping out on faith and taking these risks? _____

Read Joshua 2:15, Joshua 6:15-17, 20-23. Where was Rahab's house? Through the falling of the wall God performed a miracle for the Israelite people. What additional miracle did He perform for Rahab and her family?

Final Reflections: The Lord wants to bless us in great ways. Many times He is unable to do so because we do not take risks to believe more in His miraculous powers. Rahab had heard of the Lord's miracles. She believed that His promises would certainly be fulfilled and that there was no way of escape but by submitting to Him and joining with His people. The risks Rahab took proved that she had the faith the Lord looks for in all of us - the faith that brings about opportunities for God to show His glory to us through miracles. - Kelly Dixon

Your Turn to Reflect: What risk is God calling for you to take at the moment? Think about how you have been avoiding taking the risks by allowing the fear of man or of this world to overshadow you. Many times when God is calling for us to take a risk it is to lead us out of circumstances that are hindering our spiritual growth. Think about the risks He is calling for you to take and write down the circumstances involved with the risk. Take these circumstances to the throne of God and ask Him to reveal to you how you are hindering your spiritual growth by not taking the risks He is requesting from you.