

Sermon Study Guide



#2: Everyday Courage

Series: *Courage in the Crucible*

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In this study on the book of Joshua, we learn how we can stand courageous when trials, difficult situations, opposition, and inevitable changes surround us.

Reflect

What courageous acts are being done on a daily basis and by ordinary people?

Read and Discuss

Scripture

Joshua 2:1-24

Discussion Questions

1. Courage does not only show itself in times of great challenge and opposition. Scripture reminds us that we can exhibit spiritual courage for the Lord every day in smaller, less grand ways. In the book of Joshua, we learn about this type of courage from a woman named Rahab. Who is Rahab? How was her name mentioned in the “Hall of Faith” in Hebrews 11 and in the book of James?
2. In spite of living in a time of uncertainties and trials and facing opposition, Rahab stood for the Lord and drew closer to Him. She demonstrated three ways we can show simple, everyday-type of spiritual courage:
 - a. **Courage to help those in need (v. 1-7).** Why did Joshua send two spies in the city of Jericho? How did Rahab save the lives of these two spies? If God’s Word is clear that you should not lie to one another, could Rahab’s lying be justified? If you were in her situation, how would you act differently without lying? What does it show about your trust in God when you resort to lying? From her experience and in your experience as well, why is courage involved when you help

someone in need? What courageous act could you do for someone who is in need?

- b. **Courage to see through spiritual eyes (v. 8-11).** What did Rahab say to the two spies that really surprised them? What important fact was mentioned about Rahab that tells you that she is a believer? Why would people who believe in God like Rahab still do sinful things like lying? Why is discipleship so important in the life of a believer? What does “seeing through spiritual eyes” mean? Share examples of how you can see through spiritual eyes in your daily life.
- c. **Courage to trust by faith (v. 12-24).** What did Rahab ask the two spies to do for her? What did the two spies tell her in return? What did Rahab do to show her courage (v. 21)? What kind of everyday struggle do you go through that shows that you either have courage to live by faith or not? In what situations do courage in your life shine through? Why does the true test of faith and trust in the Lord happen in times of uncertainty, difficulty, and in the face of opposition?

Respond

In Walk: How would you live out everyday courage? Think of ways you can live with courage in this time of uncertainty because of the pandemic.

In Prayer: Heavenly Father, I certainly need to have everyday courage to live as Your child. I see the many people in need, yet I am not doing anything about it. I need courage, Lord, to get out of my comfort zone and reach out to someone who is hurting, lonely, or in need of food, money, or other provisions. May You help me to have the courage to do what is right. Thank You that I can trust You for the result. In Jesus Name. Amen