



## **You can't spell Messiah without mess**

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### **Joshua 2**

"In 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?" James 2:25 NIV

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

**Life is a mess. (vs. 2-7)**

**Flawed faith in the mess. (vs. 8-14)**

**The scarlet cord of rescue. (vs. 15-21)**

"Then they burned the whole city and everything in it, but they put the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron into the treasury of the Lord's house. But Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her, because she hid the men Joshua had sent as spies to Jericho—and she lives among the Israelites to this day." Joshua 6:24-25

"In having been unfaithful to the Creator, the whole human race is a harlot."  
Francis Schaeffer

"God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant." Romans 5:20 NLT

### **Questions for Discipleship Group and/or Personal Study**

When did you feel like an "outsider" in a group?

#### **Read Joshua 2**

Why do you think this story is in the Bible?

Why do you think the men ended up at the prostitute's home? Did God lead them there?

Was her lying a sin? Why or why not?

When is it acceptable to lie?

What is your reaction to "outsiders" in your group or our church?

Do you see the cross as a "sure sign" (v. 12). Why or why not?

When you look at yourself in the "Rahab mirror" and in light of the cross, do you sense condemnation from within or cleansing from God?

Experientially, what do "grace" and "redemption" mean for you?

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