

CHARACTER BUILDER

MESSAGE NOTES

Rahab: Lessons on Audacity
Sunday, June 26 | Tommy Duke
First Baptist Church of Garden City

**CHARACTER: THE _____ QUALITIES
_____ TO AN INDIVIDUAL.**

**RAHAB THE PROSTITUTE
(Joshua 2)**

“Then Joshua secretly sent out two spies from the Israelite camp at Acacia Grove. He instructed them, ‘Scout out the land on the other side of the Jordan River, especially around Jericho.’ So the two men set out and came to the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there that night. But someone told the king of Jericho, ‘Some Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land.’ So the king of Jericho sent orders to Rahab: ‘Bring out the men who have come into your house, for they have come here to spy out the whole land.’

Rahab had hidden the two men, but she replied, ‘Yes, the men were here earlier, but I didn’t know where they were from. They left the town at dusk, as the gates were about to close. I don’t know where they went. If you hurry, you can probably catch up with them.’ (Actually, she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them beneath bundles of flax she had laid out.) So the king’s men went looking for the spies along the road leading to the shallow crossings of the Jordan River. And as soon as the king’s men had left, the gate of Jericho was shut.” – Joshua 2:1-7 (NLT)

**AUDACITY: WILLINGNESS TO _____
WITHOUT REGARD FOR _____.**

5 LESSONS ON AUDACITY FROM RAHAB’S STORY. I MUST...

1) PREPARE MYSELF TO TAKE _____.

“...(Actually, she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them beneath bundles of flax she had laid out.) So the king’s men went looking for the spies along the road...” – Joshua 2:6-7 (NLT)

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.” – Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

HOW DOES GOD SPEAK TO ME?

- THE _____
- THE BIBLE
- PRAYER
- _____
- OTHER PEOPLE

2) ALLOW MY _____ TO DIRECT MY _____.

“Before the spies went to sleep that night, Rahab went up on the roof to talk with them. ‘I know the Lord has given you this land,’ she told them. ‘We are all afraid of you. Everyone in the land is living in terror’ ... ‘No wonder our hearts have melted in fear! No one has the courage to fight after hearing such things. For the Lord your God is the supreme God of the heavens above and the earth below.’”

– Joshua 2:8-9, 11 (NLT)

“Then, since Rahab’s house was built into the town wall, she let them down by a rope through the window. ‘Escape to the hill country,’ she told them. ‘Hide there for three days from the men searching for you. Then, when they have returned, you can go on your way.’ Before they left, the men told her, ‘We will be bound by the oath we have taken only if you follow these instructions. When we come into the land, you must leave this scarlet rope hanging from the window through which you let us down. And all your family members—your father, mother, brothers, and all your relatives—must be here inside the house’ ... ‘I accept your terms,’ she replied. And she sent them on their way, leaving the scarlet rope hanging from the window.” – Joshua 2:15-18, 21 (NLT)

“So you see, we are shown to be right with God by what we do, not by faith alone. Rahab the prostitute is another example. She was shown to be right with God by her actions when she hid those messengers and sent them safely away by a different road. Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.” – James 2:24-26 (NLT)

3) _____ GOD WITH THE _____ IN MY LIFE.

“‘We offer our own lives as a guarantee for your safety,’ the men agreed. ‘If you don’t betray us, we will keep our promise and be kind to you when the Lord gives us the land.’” – Joshua 2:14 (NLT)

“When the people heard the sound of the rams’ horns, they shouted as loud as they could. Suddenly, the walls of Jericho collapsed, and the Israelites charged straight into the town and captured it. They completely destroyed everything in it with their swords ... Meanwhile, Joshua said to the two spies, ‘Keep your promise. Go to the prostitute’s house and bring her out, along with all her family.’ The men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab, her father, mother, brothers, and all the other relatives who were with her. They moved her whole family to a safe place near the camp of Israel ... So Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute and her relatives who were with her in the house, because she had hidden the spies Joshua sent to Jericho. And she lives among the Israelites to this day.”

– Joshua 6:20-21, 22-23, 25 (NLT)

Memory Verse:

“Commit your actions to the Lord, and your plans will succeed.” – Proverbs 16:3 (NLT)

4) BELIEVE THAT GOD WON'T ALLOW MY _____ TO LIMIT MY _____.

“Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation ... It was by faith that Rahab the prostitute was not destroyed with the people in her city who refused to obey God. For she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.” – Hebrews 11:1-2, 31 (NLT)

“... anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” – 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

5) _____ AND LET HIM USE ME TO _____.

“This is a record of the ancestors of Jesus the Messiah, a descendant of David and of Abraham: ... Salmon was the father of Boaz (whose mother was Rahab). Boaz was the father of Obed (whose mother was Ruth). Obed was the father of Jesse. Jesse was the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon...” – Matthew 1:1, 5–6 (NLT)

“...for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.” – 1 Peter 2:9 (NLT)

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- Memorize Proverbs 16:3.
- Seek God’s will and take bold action to obey Him.
- Trust God with my future, no matter what I have in my past.
- Sign up for the Membership Class on Sunday, July 17, from 12:15 – 2:45pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- Sign up for Summer Growth Group # _____.

*Join us again next Sunday, July 3, as we continue *Character Builder*. We will look at Hannah to learn about faithfulness. It’s a great Sunday to invite a friend to join you!

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