

CARE This Week...

April 14, 2024



We had an AWESOME Garden Party last Saturday! (Pictures Below) Special thanks to ALL who came to lend a hand (*not everyone is pictured*). The garden is beautiful! Go and take a look if you haven't seen it yet.

The Spies & Rahab

Scripture Discussed: Joshua 2:1-24

God told Joshua, 'Get ready to cross the River Jordan. Every place you set foot on I will give you and nobody will be able to stand in your way. I will never leave you or let you down. Be strong and show courage. Obey God's law and think deeply about it then you will be successful.' Joshua ordered those in charge of the people, 'Go through the camp and tell everyone to pack up and get ready to move. In three days we will cross the River Jordan and take over the land God has promised to us.' Ahead of them, just 12 miles away, on the other side of the River Jordan, was the walled city of Jericho. Joshua secretly sent two spies to check out the land and the city of Jericho. They entered Jericho and made for the house of Rahab, (a local prostitute) who often took strangers and visitors into her home. However, the spies had been spotted. The King of Jericho was warned, 'There are Israelite spies in the city.' The king gave orders for soldiers to go to Rahab's house and arrest them. Rahab however, sensing her visitors were in danger, took them up to the roof and hid them. When the soldiers arrived, she did not betray them. 'There were two men here but I did not know who they were,' she explained, 'at dusk before the city gate was closed, they left and I don't know where they are heading.' The soldiers rushed off out of the city and down the road towards the River Jordan searching for the two spies.

Rahab went up onto the roof and spoke to the spies. 'I know that the Lord has given you this land and that the terror of you has fallen on us, and everyone who lives in the land is panicking because of you.' For we have heard how the Lord dried up the waters of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two Amorite kings you completely destroyed across the Jordan.

God prepared the way for the Israelites to come and take the land He had promised them by instilling great fear in their enemies.

*'In a similar way, God often goes before us in our daily battles, preparing the way and overcoming barriers. We need to follow him wholeheartedly and be alert to his leading.'***

*"Rahab's protection of the spies was courageous. Despite her pagan upbringing, culture, and morally compromised profession, she allied herself with Israel and the God of Israel."***

'Please promise me that you will show kindness to my family and spare their lives,' Rahab begged. 'Our lives for your lives,' the two spies promised her.

Rahab's house had a window in the city wall. That night she let them down a rope to make their escape. 'Go and hide in the hills for three days and when they have given up searching for you, you'll be able to cross the River Jordan.' The men had agreed that Rahab would tie a scarlet cord in her window to signal her house. They told her to make sure her family stayed inside the house when the Israelites attacked. Then they would keep their promise to spare their lives.

Bible Verse: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:2

Life Application: I will trust God to help me.



UPCOMING EVENTS:



THIS SATURDAY, April 20th:
CARE Game Night, 6:00--8:30 PM

SATURDAY ZOOM CLASS

Another great ZOOM Bible Study was held this past Saturday. The lesson was on "The Spies & Rahab."

If you know someone that might like to join our ZOOM class, please send them my email address (anita.bruck@huntersglen.org). Tell them to shoot me an email with their name and email address.

