



The Red Rope

Joshua 2:15-19

Insights in Joshua

- Our Youth will be engaged in the Book of Joshua for the next several months
- At the beginning of Joshua it's announced that the great Moses is dead, and that Joshua has been chosen to take his place in the children of Israel's relationship with God
- In many of our lives, "our Moses" has already transitioned to glory; and we like Joshua will have a different role in our relationship and responsibilities to God
- But look at God's promise to Joshua in chapter 1:5
"As I was with Moses so shall I be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you."
- The same promise is to His disciples, Hebrews 13:5
"I will never leave you nor forsake you."

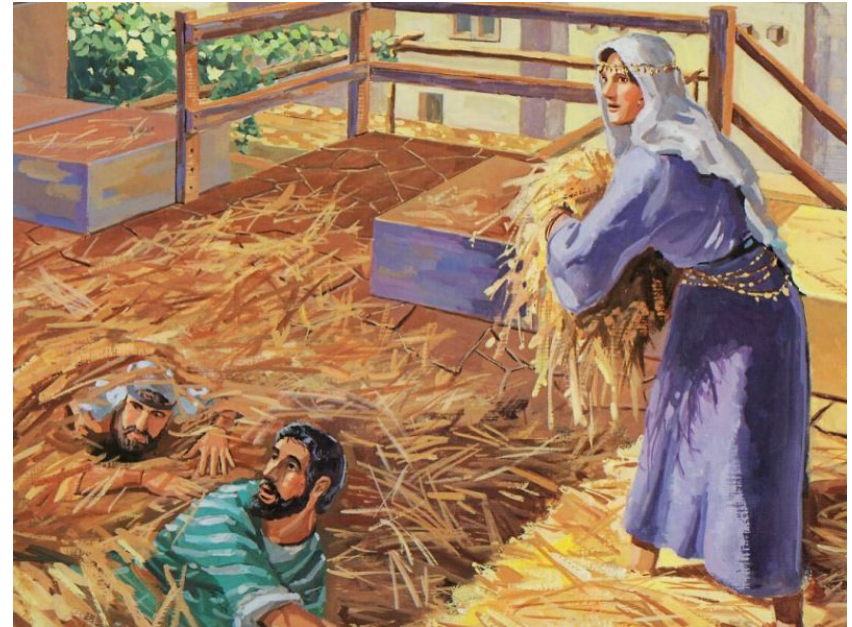
Observations

- It wasn't long until Joshua had to face his first big obstacles without Moses, the Jordan River and the great walled city of Jericho in the land of Canaan
- Remember that Canaan was already inhabited! "Canaan's Happy Land" was not a vacation resort
- The church is a type of Canaan, and we, like the children of Israel, have our own external and internal battles to fight, Philippians 1:17 *"...set for the defense...."*

*"Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul."
1 Peter 2:11*

Romans 7:19-21 ... "For the good that I would I do not: and the evil that I would not that I do...."

- Joshua sent two spies to secretly scout out the walled city of Jericho for capture
- They arrived and the providence of God guided them to a house in the walled city in “*enemy territory*,” to a woman named Rahab, whose faith had changed her behavior
- She was known as a prostitute, Joshua 2:1, but her newly found faith caused her to enter into God’s purpose concerning Israel and Jericho



- **As dangerous as it was to her, she hid the two Israelite spies from the king. Listen to her words to them:**
- ***Joshua 2:8 “I know that the Lord has given you this land and that a great fear has fallen on us.... We have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt....And what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan whom you completely destroyed.....”***

Her Newly Found Faith Was Represented by her Words and Her Deeds



Observations

- When it comes to God's future for you, "what you used to do," is not as important as what you have been purposed by God to do now. Colossians 3:1-3 *"If ye then be risen with Christ..."*
- The Apostle Paul "used to be" an arch enemy of the church of Christ, but later became one of its greatest preachers
- In the story of his conversion in Acts chapter 9, Christians in Damascus were initially afraid of Paul because of his reputation; Ananias the preacher was skeptical, Acts 9:13,21
- We see in this story that her faith is the principle of a new life. Because of her faith she is mentioned in Hebrews 11
"By faith the prostitute Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace."

Hebrews 11:31

But Rahab Wanted Some Assurance That She and Her Family Would Be Spared, Joshua 2:12-13

“.....give me a true token (sign): And that ye will spare the lives of my father and my mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them—and that you will save us from death.”

- She wanted a token (sign), but she didn't decide what that token should be.
- You don't decide how God will fight COVID for you
- You let Him decide and you follow suit

So the Spies Gave Her Their Word and A Sign!

**Our word is good,
*“and if when we enter
the land, you have
tied this scarlet cord
in the window
through which you let
us down by...”***

Joshua 2:18

- **So Rahab gladly
accepted the sign,
which of course
silenced and
comforted her fears**



If Desiring a Token of Safety is Natural, What is Our Token (Sign)?

- That scarlet cord is a shadow and a type of the **BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST**, producing pardon and assurance for us
- Forgiveness is one thing but the knowledge of forgiveness is another
- Forgiveness of sins is what we must have to be Christians:
“In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.”
Ephesians 1:7
- But **ASSURANCE** is a **PRIVILEGE** God gives us Through the Blood of His son, Jesus Christ

Hebrews 10:22 *“Let us draw near to God with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.” That’s our Baptism*

When We Err After Baptism:

1 John 1:7-9 *“But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.”

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all righteousness.”

God's Instructions for Capturing Jericho

Joshua 6:1-3

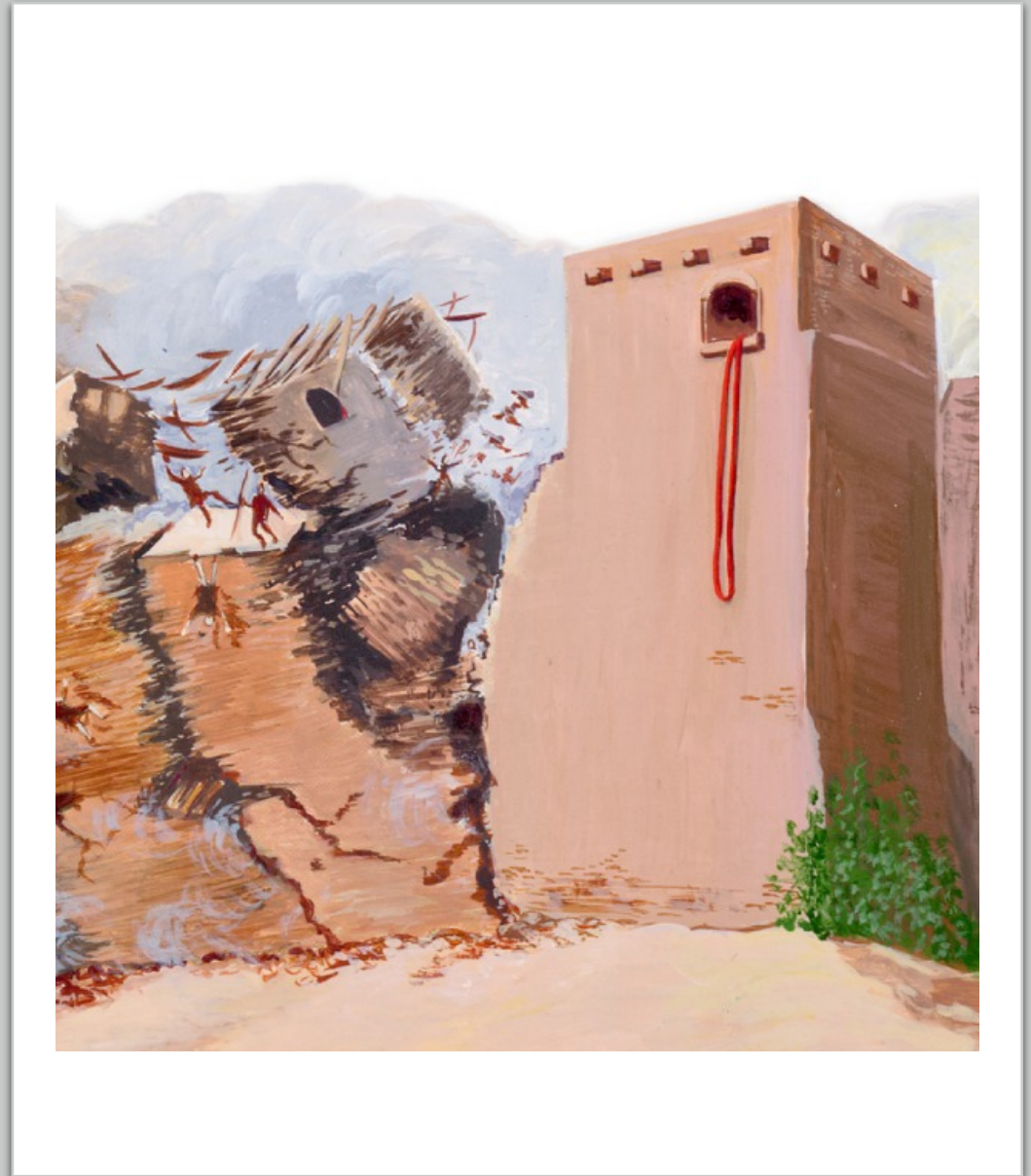
- **God's Israelite army was to march around the great walled city once a day for six days with The Ark of the Covenant, borne by the priest, which represented God's presence leading the way**
- **On the seventh day they were to march around the walled city seven times then blow their trumpets and give a great shout, and the walls of the city would collapse, Joshua 6:5**
- **Notice that the Holy Scriptures specifically state in Joshua 2:15 that the house in which Rahab lived was part of the city wall!**
- **That tells me that the part of the wall in which she lived was miraculously spared and the two spies were told by Joshua to go to Rahab's house, and remove her family! Joshua 6:22-23**

That part of the wall where she lived must have been miraculously spared when the walls collapsed

What a difference the “Red Cord of obedience” made!

God’s eyes and man’s eyes were fixated upon that scarlet cord

**“The Lord Knoweth them that are His”
2 Timothy 2:19**





The Plan of Salvation

Hear the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Believe the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Repent of Sins

Acts 17:30

Confess Christ

Acts 8:37

Be Baptized

Acts 8:38

