

My Friend Josh

Part 2: Courage to Reclaim
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Joshua's Name = The Lord is Salvation

Joshua's Task

"Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses." – *Joshua 1:2-3*

Joshua's Promise

"No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you." – *Joshua 1:5*

Joshua's Call

"Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful." – *Joshua 1:6-8*

The Next Chapter...

Then Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two spies from Shittim. "Go, look over the land," he said, "especially Jericho." So they went and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there. – *Joshua 2:1*

The Challenges Rahab Faced

1. Her nationality
2. Her gender
3. Her profession
4. Her location
5. Her predicament

Rahab's Courage

Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof and said to them, "I know that the LORD has given this land to you and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. 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. When we heard of it, our hearts melted and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below." – *Joshua 2:8-11*

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Through God's gift of courage to Rahab, He redeems:

1. Her present

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 5:25*

2. Her past and her legacy (*Matthew 1:5*)

3. Her reputation (*Hebrews 11:31*)

Leadership Lessons for Our Friend Josh (and for us)

- 1. People** No human life is beyond salvage; the determination belongs to God
- 2. Places** No place is out of God's reach
- 3. Purpose** No one is responsible for God's purpose in another's life
- 4. Passion** Continue being strong and courageous and see where God is redeeming right here and right now

The Joshua Challenge: 10/10 Plan

I will commit to spending 10 minutes in the Word and 10 minutes in prayer every day. As part of the CTK family, I will commit to pray for two other families or people at CTK.

(*Joshua 1:7-9*)

Next Steps: Take the Joshua Challenge!

On Your Way Home:

Have you seen an example of courage? Share the story.

Small Group Discussion Questions



- 1) Have you ever done anything courageous? Go ahead and share.
- 2) Have you ever seen God redeem a person, place or thing? How did God use that redemption story to change your life?
- 3) Who do you most relate to in the story? Rahab? The Spies? Joshua?
- 4) Have you ever written somebody off? How has God changed your perspective through Rahab's story?
- 5) Can you add any lessons to the Leadership Lesson list?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?