



Spiritual Friendship Part 8 – Rahab & The Spies

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Key Passage: Joshua 2

Unexpected Partnerships:

- With those whose needs will be met
- With people who are resources
- With people outside the church
- With people who are skeptical
- With people who have experience

Rahab's knowledge about Israel's 'God' must have startled the spies:

1). Her prophetic **understanding** of the God of Israel

- *Jos 2:9 and (she) said to them, "I know that the LORD has given you this land 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.*

2). Her **testimony** of what she heard about their God

- Their God was powerful
- *Jos 2:10 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.*

3). Her **conviction** of what she believed about their God

- *Jos 2:11 When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.*

4). Her **desire** to have a relationship with their God

- *Jos 2:12 "Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you.*

Truths to Live By

- The unexpected partnership allowed for them to do something that they could not have achieved on their own
- We cannot afford to pre-judge people too quickly as God may be using them for His good

pleasure—for us!

- The greatness of sin has no measure compared to the forgiving mercy of God, if it be truly repented of.
- For the Spies—Every reality of fear is also an opportunity to *trust* God.
- For Rahab the Harlot—The plan of God is greater than your *failures*.

