



Connect Study 13

## ALONG COMES RAHAB

*By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.  
(Hebrews 11:31 NIV)*

**RAHAB:** *A resourceful woman whose faith was rewarded*

Rahab was a Canaanite prostitute who showed remarkable faith in the midst of seemingly impossible circumstances. She made some wise choices that allowed her to experience God's grace and rescue. She was brave, she had faith in the God of the Israelites, and she did not let circumstances rule her life.

In Joshua 2 we can learn some important lessons from Rahab's story:

- Be aware of God-positioned people in your life
- Position yourself to be a blessing
- Do not allow your past or current circumstances to hold you back.

Take some time to consider the following questions in relation to your own life:

God strategically positions people in our life to be friends to our future but often they are not who we expect. Who have been some God-positioned people in your life and how did they impact your life? Were any of them unexpected?

### **Read 1 Peter 2:8 & 9**

What does it mean to you personally? Are you allowing any past or current circumstances to hold you back?



### **Read Hebrews 13:2 and Matthew 25:35-36.**

Rahab was looking out for people she could be a blessing to. Discuss ways in which you want to be a blessing to others.

### **Read Joshua 6:22-25, Hebrews 11:31 and Matthew 1:5.**

What do you learn about Rahab from Jesus' genealogy? What do these passages tell you about the impact of Rahab's choices and her faith?

### **Read Proverbs 3:5 & 6 and Hebrews 11:31.**

Rahab did not let fear rule her actions. Discuss areas in your life where you need to start trusting God.

**Study tip:** When we study a person in the Bible we need to keep in mind that they were normal people just like us. To really understand their life, we need to try to identify with them. We often read stories in the Bible without realising that these people did not know what the outcome of their situation would be. They had to act in trust just as we do.

## **PRAY**

- Pray for each other that your trust in God may grow so that you will be a blessing to many.
- Each other's prayer requests (fill out the Prayer Request slip in the Devotional)

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## **NATION BUILDERS**

- *One of the best ways we can make a difference as a connect is to regularly PRAY for the Nation*
- *Builders causes we support, and regularly inspire your group to receive your Nation Builders offering.*
- *Your giving makes a massive difference in helping us 'reach and influencing the world'.*

## **HIGHLIGHTS COMING UP**

- Sisterhood United Night – Tue 19 August
- Foundation Breakfast – Saturday 23 August @ 8am at ALL CAMPUSES

## **PASTORAL CARE**

- We have a pastoral care team at church to walk alongside people in your group who may be going through a tough time.
- Please contact the church office Sydney 02 8853 5353, Melbourne 03 9720 2099, Brisbane 07 3422 8500 or Newcastle 02 4927 1888 to let us know of anybody in your group (with their permission) who have sickness, death of a loved one, marriage challenges, surgeries.

