

Lesson: God Answers Prayer (The Request of Rahab)

Response: I Ask With Faith

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What she asked for:

1. Joshua 2:12

2. Joshua 2:13

3. Joshua 2:13

What she received:

Hebrews 11:31, 39

Joshua 6:23

Joshua 6:25, Matthew 1:5

Exceedingly

Abundantly

All

God

Ephesians 3:20

Rahab

Lesson: God answers the prayer/request of faith

My response: I ask with faith

Verse: Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think.
Ephesians 3:20

Introduction: Review of promise made to Abraham (mobile) – the Lord is able to perform His promise even after many years. The Lord is also able to perform His promises in a way that far exceeds what we ask.

Verse: Divide into 3 groups and give each group a placemat with one of the words (exceedingly, abundantly, all) on it – define each word. Have them brainstorm as many words/phrases that describe the same thought. Have them read the verse, substituting the words with 3 or their best words/phrases.

Story Introduction: Close to 500 years have gone by. Abraham's descendants had traveled to Egypt where they eventually were brought into slavery. God delivers them out of Egypt and promises to give them a new land (Canaan). 40 years later, they arrive in the promised land. God has given them victory over their enemies along the way – by the time they arrive the Canaanites are terrified.

- We are going to be looking at a familiar story – the fall of Jericho. Often we focus on how God did “exceeding abundantly” more than could be imagined for the children of Israel.
- Discussion: **But what about those who are not a part of God's family – does God hear their request and prayers?** (Acts 10:4)
- **Does God hear every prayer?** (James 1:5-7)
- In this story, God responds to the request of a woman from Jericho who requests help, knowing that Jericho is going to fall to the Israelites – **What type of a woman was she?** Read Joshua 2:1. **Why does it not matter?**
 - She is asking in faith
 - If it did matter none of us would have any hope
- The king here's that spies have arrived and are staying with Rahab – he sends messengers to retrieve them. Rahab hides the spies, tells the messengers that the spies have left and sends them in the opposite direction. **What does her lying tell us about her thoughts at that moment?** Fear, lack of faith
- BUT what follows is what demonstrates her faith. She says **I know** that the Lord has given you this land, **I know** what happened at the Red Sea, **I know** what you did to your enemies along the way, and **I know** that the “Lord your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath” (vs. 11).
- **Knowing all that, what should she do?** Ask for help – Read vs. 12-13
- Hand out worksheet and fill out. She asks for 3 things:
 - Kindness from the men
 - Spare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters and all that they have
 - Deliver our (my) life from death

- The men promise her that as long as she tells no one of their visit and places a red cord in her window, she will be saved.
- Several weeks pass. The children of Israel cross the river, the city is shut up – Rahab is stuck. **What does she have to prove to her that she will be saved?** Their word and a red cord – NOTHING else.
- The children of Israel circle the city once each day for 6 days. On the 7th day they circle it 7 times and at the command of Joshua give a great shout – the walls fall flat (exceedingly, abundantly above what the children of Israel imagine)
- What happens to Rahab and what does she receive? Read Joshua 6:22-25, Matthew 1:1-2 and 5 and Hebrews 11:31, 39 (emphasize “father of”) and ask them to listen very carefully to see what she received.
 - Approval from God
 - Deliverance of all her relatives
 - Not only her life saved – place in Israel and in the genealogy of Christ!
- Review verse: The writer can hardly express how great God is and what he can do.
- Build triangle and have them write out verse.