



## Encouraging Courage

(Joshua 2)

### Main Idea

God inserts encouragement into the events of our lives

### Connect

As a kid what was the most daring thing you did?

### Discuss

1. What insight, observation, or principle from this sermon did you find to be most helpful, insightful, or troubling? Explain...
2. The Israelite spies were encouraged to hear that Rahab had a changed heart for God (V. 1-8)
  - What can we learn from Rahab about God? About faith? About God's power?
  - Share a story of how you have been encouraged by seeing changed lives due to the power of God.
  - How has God changed your heart for Him in the past year?
3. During the spies stay at Rahab's they learned that the people of Jericho's hearts melted with fear due to the power of God (V. 9-13).
  - Read Proverbs 9:10. The Bible continually connects the fear of God with wisdom. How does the fear of God give you wisdom?
  - Rahab was facing certain death at the hands of the Israelites. How did what Rahab heard about God's grace lead her to risk her life for these spies and save her family?
  - What are some ways you can point your friends and family to God's grace?
4. The spies left Jericho encouraged that God had protected them on their journey and would protect Rahab and her family (V. 14-23)
  - It was not the reputation of the spies that led Rahab to risk her life to protect them, it was God's reputation. How has God encouraged you through His people?
  - Rahab trusted God with her life and the lives of her entire family. Is there anything you are holding back from God?

- God proved himself faithful to Rahab and the spies. How has God proved himself faithful to you? Can you share that experience to encourage others?

### **Live it Out**

- We tend to shrink back from people like Rahab because we don't want to get involved in their messy lives. Is there a messy person or family member that God is nudging you to encourage and reach out to? What is one tangible step you can take to encourage this person?
- Maybe you find it easier to identify with Rahab. How is God encouraging you to move from fear to faith?