

RISK AND GRACE (RAHAB)

Joshua 2:1–24; 6:17, 22–25

Hebrews 11:31

BIBLICAL PASSAGE

MEMORY VERSE

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

Transformation is a powerful act of God. All throughout Scripture there are examples of God changing people's lives through the act of transformation—Rahab, Isaiah, Paul, Peter, James, John, and others. It's one thing to read about it, but it is something quite different to either experience it or see it happen in the lives of others. For some it is a process, while for others it seems to happen almost in a moment. But one common denominator is the expression of faith through actions.

Read Joshua 2:1–24 and 6:17, 22–25. Rahab had done more than just give lip service to her belief in the God of Israel. She knew of His mighty acts, she believed, and therefore, acted upon her faith in hiding the two spies who

came into Jericho. As a result, her life and the lives of her family were spared when the people of Israel took Jericho. Today, God is still in the process of transforming people's lives as they come to faith in Him, expressing such faith. It is so much more than just belief—it is belief, acted upon, which is the expression of faith.

Our young people need to know the difference between mere belief and true faith in God. They need to understand that living in faith means expressing that faith in how we act, every day. Faith is easily recognized when it is authentic through acts of love, kindness, and selflessness. It's the sort of faith that others run to. Then, they find God in the process.

FAMILY DEVOTION TIME

Connect . . .

The family thinks of fun ways in which faith can be expressed in different objects and/or people, and acts these ways out. For example, take family members on a faith walk, using blindfolds and obstacles; conduct a trust fall, where family members have to fall back into the arms of another family member; sit in a chair and discuss how freely you place your faith in a chair to hold your weight.

Explore . . .

Family members read Joshua 2:1–24 and 6:17, 22–25. The family discusses: **What were the ways in which Rahab expressed her faith in God? What was the difference in Rahab's belief in God and her faith in God? What were the risks involved? What were the results?**

Transform . . .

The family shares recent examples of how they expressed faith. A family member asks: **How does our faith in God surpass our belief in God?** Family members make a list of ways they could become more active in the expression of their faith.

Pray together that God will show each family member how to live according to his or her faith, setting an example to others, distinguishing the difference between faith and mere belief in God.