

# Message Notes

# THIS IS US

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## "Legacy of Faith"

Part six of the series: "This is Us"

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*"And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly...as spies, saying, 'Go, view the land, especially Jericho.' And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and lodged there. <sup>2</sup>And it was told to the king of Jericho, 'Behold, men of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land.'<sup>3</sup>Then the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, 'Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land.'<sup>4</sup>But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. And she said, 'True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from. <sup>5</sup>And when the gate was about to be closed at dark, the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them.'<sup>6</sup>But she had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks of flax that she had laid in order on the roof. <sup>7</sup>So the men pursued after them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. And the gate was shut as soon as the pursuers had gone out. <sup>8</sup>Before the men lay down, she came up to them on the roof <sup>9</sup>and said to the men, 'I know that the Lord has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. <sup>10</sup>For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. <sup>11</sup>And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the Lord your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. <sup>12</sup>Now then, please swear to me by the Lord that, as I have dealt kindly with you, you also will deal kindly with my father's house, and give me a sure sign <sup>13</sup>that you will save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death.'<sup>14</sup>And the men said to her, 'Our life for yours even to death! If you do not tell this business of ours, then when the Lord gives us the land we will deal kindly and faithfully with you.'<sup>15</sup>Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was built into the city wall, so that she lived in the wall." (Joshua 2:1–15 ESV)*

(Turn over for continuation...)

## **The pain of our past can be used as a platform for God's purpose.**

*"And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly...as spies, saying, 'Go, view the land, especially Jericho.' And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and lodged there." (Joshua 2:1 ESV)*

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9 ESV)*

## **Receive and respond by faith.**

*"But she had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks of flax that she had laid in order on the roof." (Joshua 2:6 ESV)*

*"What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup>So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." (James 2:14-17 ESV)*

*"You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. <sup>2</sup>Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. <sup>3</sup>So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? <sup>4</sup>Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?" (Romans 2:1-4)*

## **Legacy is formed when we choose to live for Christ and for other people.**

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*"And the city and all that is within it shall be devoted to the Lord for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent." (Joshua 6:17 ESV)*

*"...Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." (Acts 16:31 ESV)*

*"By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies." (Hebrews 11:31 ESV)*

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