

God's Covering Us!

Scriptural Reference: Joshua 2:1-14

Key Verse: The woman had taken the two men and hidden them. (*Joshua 2:4a, NIV*)

Life Principle

God can use human strategy to accomplish His divine will. We should never doubt the ability to walk through the doors that God opens for us; however, we should always remember those who aid in our accomplishments.

Introduction

There is joy in knowing that God is always working on behalf of His people. Joshua learned at the beginning of his leadership that as God was with Moses, so would He be with him. This is the reassurance all of God's children must remember—that no matter where He leads, the Lord is covering His children.

Israel was preparing to go after that which God said was theirs, and Joshua had commissioned two spies to navigate the land of Jericho. The promises God had made were not without human involvement, so we must be vigilant in seeking out where and to whom God will connect us for His purpose.

Questioning the strategies of God has little to no benefit. God's ways are higher than ours, and His thoughts are greater than ours. Obedience ties us to the safety we find in God, and we encounter the services that are sufficient for the sacrifice made for the larger community. Israel's push toward Jericho is a great reminder that God covers us in uncertain moments, offering unscripted maneuvering that rewards others from unselfish motives.

BIBLICAL EMPHASES FOR STUDY

I. Uncertain Moments (*Joshua 2:1-3*)

Joshua confidently sent out two spies—in the manner in which he was sent out under Moses' leadership—that he may gain intel on the city of Jericho. These men went into the city that they might gain a more detailed account as to what the strengths and weaknesses were, but they needed to remain incognito.

What seems to be an impromptu advancement is the spy strategy that

lands the two in Rahab's house. Rahab was a harlot and would present the opposite of a low-profile environment for Israel's spies, yet they entered and lodged at her place for the evening. This house appears to have been high-profile, because a report gets back to the king about their agenda and presence. God has a way of taking moments that are laced with uncertainty and turning them into events that seem so thought out.

As believers in God's kingdom, we must embrace a strong approach in going beyond our comfort zones and venture toward uncertainty that God can reveal to us that where we end up is where He strategically planned for us to be.

II. Unscripted Maneuvering (*Joshua 2:4-6*)

When it appears as though the walls are closing in on us, we find ways to acknowledge that there is always one more move with God. When the king sent men to capture the spies from Rahab's house, she wittingly found a place to hide the men to avoid the hands of their enemy. The men were covered by human involvement, but also because of divine revelation.

Rahab offered a convincing testimony to the king's men that allowed them to believe her testimony and venture into another area, which provided the necessary comfort and safety for the two spies. Our assignment does not go unnoticed with God. He is aware of every part of the journey, even when we are not.

Ministry teaches us that even in our daily living we must be willing to make the adjustments necessary for our success. Never stop seeking ways to maximize where you are or where you are heading. Although Rahab had a strategic process to hide the men on the roof, it remains unscripted because the hand of protection in the midst of being captured proved that God was at work in the lives of the spies and the host of the home.

III. Unselfish Motives (*Joshua 2:9-14*)

What do people know about you that you often forget about yourself? These spies had experienced the complete protection of God, with the assistance of a non-Israelite woman named Rahab. She acknowledged before the two men that victory was theirs and their fame had been spread abroad. Fear was in the hearts of the people of Jericho, and the knowledge of their success was in the ears of the people; so they realized that defeat was near.

The unselfish act of Rahab was met with a request that allowed the two spies to respond unselfishly. It is fear to say that if Rahab refused to protect the spies, the outcome may have not been the same. Yet, because of her involvement they survived; so, she requested that protection would be upon her household as she had offered over their lives.

While serving out this relationship in God, never forget the vessels He used to aid in the accomplishments obtained. Luke 6:38 reads, “Give, and it shall be given unto you.” Our motives ought to reflect the love of God, no matter the position in which we serve. Let your life be unselfishly lived before those whom we encounter.

Conclusion

Our lives are filled with risks, uncertain where life will lead or who we will encounter. This encounter helps us to see that God’s hands help to lead us safely through dangerous moments, and He reveals that He can partner with anyone who yields to His greatness.

Biblical Principles for Men

- 1. Could you put your trust in an unknown person? What reservations would you have in following that person’s leadership?
- 2. Have those reservations caused you to delay moving as God had directed you?
- 3. Whom would you characterize as being fit to be used by God? Is there some criteria by which persons can be measured before they are ready to be used by God?

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for covering us throughout life’s difficult corridors. We thank You for Your hand of protection. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.


