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What's on your mind?

The LORD is God in the heavens above and on and on the earth beneath.

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Who are those men going into your house???



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There are always men going into Rahab's house!





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*Hebrews*

*11:31*

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**Placing Your  
Trust in a God  
Whom You Do  
Not Know**



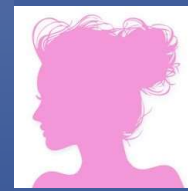
# Hebrews 11

**31** By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.



## Joshua 2

<sup>1</sup> And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim 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

<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."



## Joshua 2

<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."



## Joshua 2

**6** 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. **7** 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.





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Qedāshaw

A "Holy  
Woman"



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A  
Prostitute



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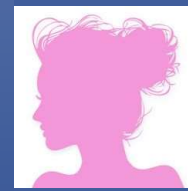
## First Post

**Faith in God begins  
with Fear.**



## Joshua 2

<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.



## Joshua 2

**10** 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.



## Joshua 2

**11** 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.



## Recurring Fear

- A great fear of you has fallen on us
- All who live in this country are melting in fear because of you.
- Our hearts melted
- Everyone's courage failed because of you.



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**“You’ve read the book, and I’ve read the book. But has the lion read the book?”**





## **Proverbs 9:10**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

## **Romans 1:18**

“There is no fear of God before their eyes.”



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## Second Post

**Fear is not enough.  
Faith requires a leap  
beyond logic.**

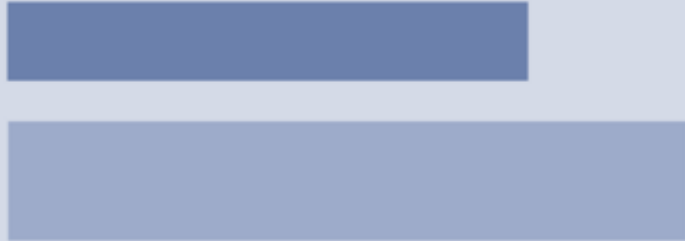


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**Hearing is  
not  
enough!**



## **“We Have Heard”**

- That the LORD dried up the waters of the Red Sea for you. (v. 10)
- That you destroyed the Amorite kings east of the Jordan. (v. 10)



## **“I Know”**

- That the LORD has given this land to you. (v. 9)
- That the LORD your God is God in heaven above and earth below. (v. 10)



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**Knowing  
is not  
enough!**



## John 11

**21** Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. **22** But even now **I know** that whatever you ask from God, God will give you."



## John 11

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "**I know** that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."





## John 11

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,<sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. **Do you believe this?"**



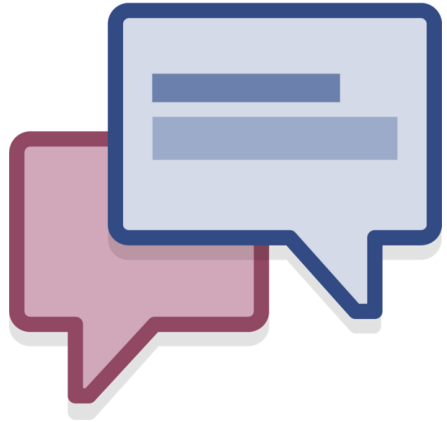
## John 11

27 She said to him, “**Yes, Lord; I believe** that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”



Question

**What was it that separated Rahab from the rest of the doomed inhabitants of Jericho?**



# Rahab's faith was unusual

*“for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.”*





## Third Post

**A leap beyond logic is not enough. Saving faith requires a leap into action.**



# Hebrews 11

**31** By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.



## Joshua 2

**12** 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 **13** 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."



## Joshua 2

**14** 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.”





## Joshua 2

**15** 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. **16** And she said to them, "Go into the hills, or the pursuers will encounter you, and hide there three days until the pursuers have returned. Then afterward you may go your way."



## Joshua 2

**17** The men said to her, “We will be guiltless with respect to this oath of yours that you have made us swear. **18** Behold, when we come into the land, you shall tie this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and you shall gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your father's household.



## Joshua 2

**19** Then if anyone goes out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we shall be guiltless. But if a hand is laid on anyone who is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head.



## Joshua 2

**20** But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be guiltless with respect to your oath that you have made us swear.” **21** And she said, “According to your words, so be it.” Then she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.



## **Rahab's Actions**

- She hid the spies.
- She lied to preserve their lives.
- She provided a rope to ensure the spies escape.



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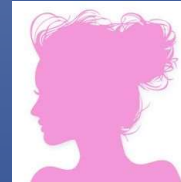


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**Faith without  
Works is Dead**



## James 2

**14** What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? **15** If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food,



## James 2

**16** 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? **17** So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.





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**Works  
without Faith  
is Sin**



## Romans 14

**22** The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves.



## Romans 14

<sup>23</sup> But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. **For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.**



Lewis  
Sperry  
Chafer

## Saving Faith

Saving faith may thus be defined as a voluntary turning from all hope and grounds based on self-merit, and assuming an attitude of expectancy toward God, trusting Him to do a perfect saving work based only on the merit of Christ.



# Matthew 1

<sup>5</sup> and Salmon the father of Boaz by **Rahab**, and Boaz the father of Obed by **Ruth**, and Obed the father of Jesse,

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