

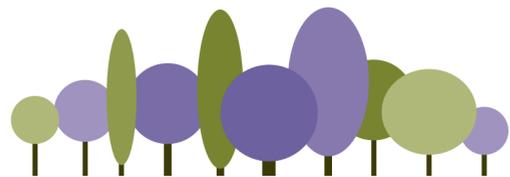


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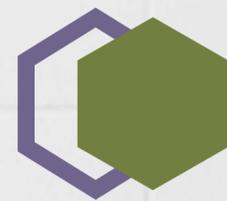
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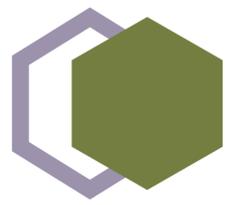




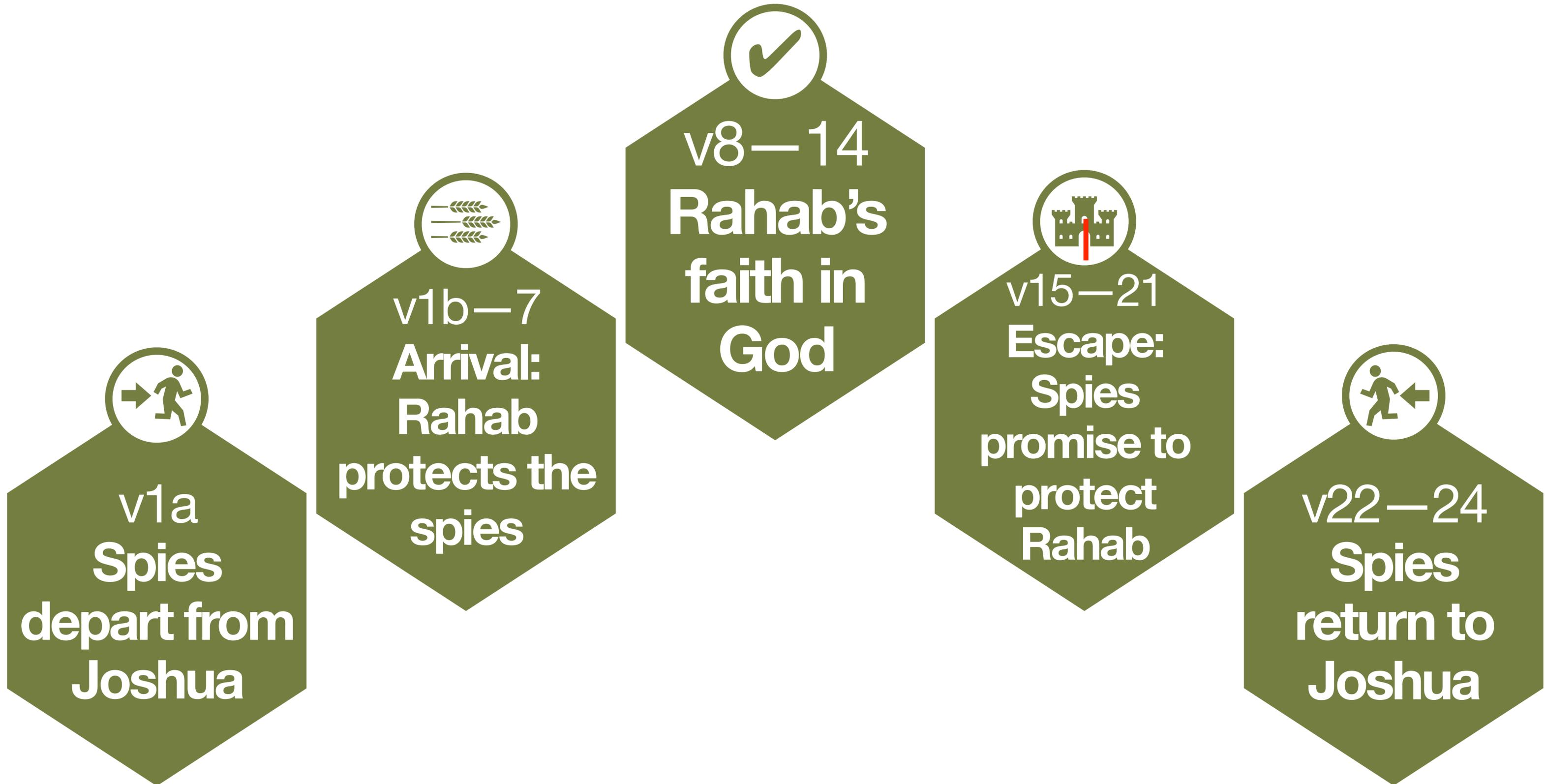
# **DOES GOD ACCEPT PROSTITUTES?**

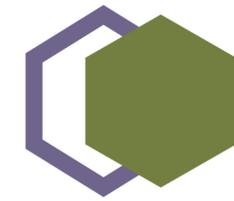
Joshua 2





# STRUCTURE OF JOSHUA 2





## RAHAB'S FAITH

She exercises saving faith  
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## JOSHUA 2:8–13

8 Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof  
9 and said to them, ‘I know that the Lord has given this land to you  
and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in  
this country are melting in fear because of you. 10 We have heard  
how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you  
came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two  
kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely  
destroyed. 11 When we heard of it, our hearts sank and everyone’s  
courage failed because of you, for the Lord your God is God in  
heaven above and on the earth below.

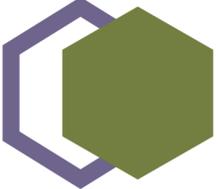
12 ‘Now then, please swear to me by the Lord that you will show  
kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you.  
Give me a sure sign 13 that you will spare the lives of my father  
and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them  
and that you will save us from death.’



# HEBREWS 11:31

By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

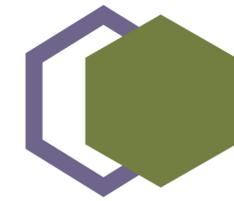




## **RAHAB'S FAITH**

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- **Faith saves us,  
not works**
- **Faith involves facts,  
feelings & hearing**
- **Will you put your  
faith in God?**



## **GOD'S GRACE**

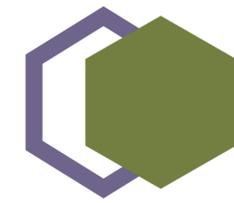
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# ROMANS 5:20b

But where sin increased, grace increased all the more.







## GOD'S GRACE

God's rich and generous love to the undeserving.

**Grace means...**

- **God redeemed Rahab's body**
- **God will accept you however much you've failed or sinned**
- **We must accept all who come in**



## **OUR ACTIONS**

Genuine faith in response to God's grace means radical and courageous actions.

## JOSHUA 2:2–4, 15–16

2 The king of Jericho was told, ‘Look, some of the Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land.’ 3 So the king of Jericho sent this message to Rahab: ‘Bring out the men who came to you and entered your house, because they have come to spy out the whole land.’ 4 But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. She said, ‘Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from. 5 At dusk, when it was time to close the city gate, they left. I don’t know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You may catch up with them.’ 6 (But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax she had laid out on the roof.)

15 So she let them down by a rope through the window, for the house she lived in was part of the city wall. 16 She said to them, ‘Go to the hills so that the pursuers will not find you. Hide yourselves there for three days until they return, and then go on your way.’



## JAMES 2:14—17, 25—26

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? 15 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,’ but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? 17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

25 In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? 26 As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.





## **OUR ACTIONS**

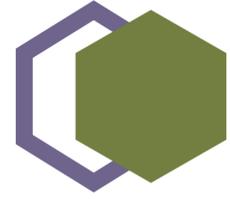
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**Faith results in**  
 **daring, bold and brave actions**

## LUKE 6:27—31

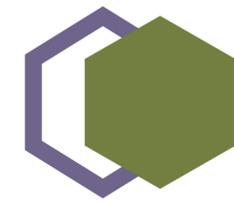
27 ‘But to you who are listening I say: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who ill-treat you. 29 If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. 30 Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.





# WE NEED THE COURAGE OF THIS MAN





## OUR ACTIONS

Genuine faith in response to God's grace means radical and courageous actions.

**Faith results in**

**● daring, bold and brave endeavours**

**Does your faith**

**● involve doing things for God? Or is it too 'wordy'?**