



Adventure-Rehab
Joshua 2:1-11, Hebrews 11:31-34, James 2:19-26, Romans 8:1-4
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DAILY DEVOTION

Find a rhythm in God's word this week! Follow this 5 day plan on your own or with your group!
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INSPIRATION

"Faith and works are bound up in the same bundle. He that obeys God trusts God; and he that trusts God obeys God. He that is without faith is without works; and he that is without works is without faith." (*Charles Spurgeon*)

ICE BREAKER

1. Who are some of your heroes? Why?
2. Hebrews 11 talks about heroes of the faith. What are some characteristics of a hero?

DEEP DIVE

Read this out loud

An excerpt from the message this week:

"The good news – our past doesn't have to keep us from God. Our past is never good enough – or bad enough. No doubt – we all have some regret – some shame – some not-so-beautiful things that we don't want a whole lot of people to know about – my guess is – she didn't want the life she had – so she decided to hang a scarlet rope in her window. Rehab's faith saves the spies – Their lives are spared because she hides them – her faith also saves herself and her family."

Read Hebrews 11:31-34 and Joshua 2:1-11 and then answer the following questions:

3. Read Hebrews 11:31-34. Gideon (timid and tested God), Barak (doubted God), Sampson (trusted self and strength), Jephthah (son of a prostitute) are some of the others mentioned in the list of heroes from Hebrews 11:31-34. According to these verses, how did God use them in spite of their past?
4. Read Matthew 1:5 and Joshua 2:1-11. What do we learn about Rehab and her understanding of God? What actions did this lead her to take?



5. What encouragement do you find in these verses as it relates to your past and how God can use you?

Read this out loud

An excerpt from the message this week:

“That is what we are talking about for the next few weeks – a life of faith – an adventure. Taking some risks. Living by faith. Stop using your past as an excuse for not living a life of faith. Doing something that you have always dreamed about doing. Doing something that would involve prayer. Stop thinking about it – start doing faithful things. When you do – all of the people around you will benefit from that decision.

Read Romans 8:1-4 and James 2:19-26 and then answer the following questions:

6. What do we learn from Romans 8:1-4 about our life in Christ? What are some areas in your life where you struggle between life in the flesh and life in the spirit? What does it mean to you personally that there is no condemnation in Christ?
7. Read James 2:19-26. From these verses what do you understand to be the relationship between faith and works? How would you explain the relationship between works and faith to other Christians?
8. What are some examples in your life where faith and works are together? What are some times you are tempted to separate faith and works?

ADDITIONAL STUDY

If you have time during your Small Group or you want to study more about the message topic, read and consider the following passages:

- Philippians 3:13-14
- James 1:22
- Ephesians 2:8-10
- Philippians 2:13

NEXT STEPS

9. What next steps can you take knowing there is no condemnation in Christ? How will this help you to live by faith and not by your past?
10. What are some areas in your life where faith should be leading you to works and vice versa?



PRAYER

1. Share with others in your group, how they can pray for you to forget your past and understand the forgiveness of God. Try to be specific of when your past gets in the way of God's forgiveness, faith and actions.
2. Pray for God to reveal the work he would like you to do.

SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

Establish a regular rhythm of serving together! Below are some service opportunities.

- BENSON - Local Mission Partner is ABIDE. Contact Campus Pastor for more information.
- MILLARD - Local Mission Partner is Heartland Hope. Contact Campus Pastor for more information.
- FREMONT - Local Mission Partner is LifeHouse. Contact Campus Pastor for more information.
- OMAHA - Local Mission Partner is Open Door Mission. Contact Lyndsey Deyoe for more information.
- Or get to know your community! Seek out service opportunities in your area.