

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In chapter 1, we see overt and subtle ways that Rahab's family fails to love and protect her. Describe some of these situations.
2. What emotional wounds does Rahab sustain as a result?
3. In your own life, were there ways in which your family failed to love and protect you?
4. How do you feel these circumstances have affected you?
5. In chapter 2, Rahab befriends Debir. What are some of the qualities in Debir that draw Rahab to him? What defects do you detect in him as a friend?
6. Describe the qualities you would like to see in an ideal friend. How many of these qualities do *you* possess?
7. In chapter 3, we see Rahab being drawn to the Lord. What qualities does she perceive in God that draw her to Him?
8. Use three words to describe God as you understand Him.
9. What made Rahab willing to risk her life in order to save the Jewish spies?
10. In chapter 6, what principles can we learn from Joshua's encounter with the commander of the army of the Lord?
11. In chapter 8, Joshua accuses Salmone of growing judgmental in his attempt to become righteous. What do you think that means?
12. Do you see any judgmental attitudes in yourself?

13. In chapter 17, Rahab says that she is grateful for the snake. What do you think she means?
14. Are there snakes in your life for which you have learned to be grateful? Share why.
15. In chapter 21, Salmone calls Rahab his Jericho. What does he mean?
16. Ancient cities were often surrounded by defensive walls meant to keep harmful elements out and allow good to come in. Rahab's heart has walls that act in the opposite direction: they allow harm in (for example pride, the belief that she isn't lovable or worthy, fear), and keep love and intimacy out. In what ways are the defensive walls of your heart reversed like Rahab's?
17. In chapter 23, Salmone tries to explain the difference between shame and true guilt. Explain this in your own words.
18. In chapter 24, Rahab and Salmone both comprehend the true source of Rahab's worth through the lesson of the pearl earring. What gives you your sense of worth? In what ways does your life show this?
19. How do you think God feels about you?
20. In chapter 26, Rahab learns purity in the bed of her husband. What does that mean to you?
21. Rahab finally forgives her father. What do you think helps her do that?
22. Are there still unforgiving places in your heart? What will help you overcome these feelings?

23. In what ways do you feel you are like Rahab?
24. What are some of God's qualities discussed in this story that touched your heart? Why?