

Title: Easy Life - Joshua:2 1-13

Read:

¹ Joshua son of Nun secretly sent out from Shittim two men as spies: "Go. Look over the land. Check out Jericho." They left and arrived at the house of a harlot named Rahab and stayed there. ² The king of Jericho was told, "We've just learned that men arrived tonight to spy out the land. They're from the People of Israel." ³ The king of Jericho sent word to Rahab: "Bring out the men who came to you to stay the night in your house. They're spies; they've come to spy out the whole country." ⁴⁻⁷ The woman had taken the two men and hidden them. She said, "Yes, two men did come to me, but I didn't know where they'd come from. At dark, when the gate was about to be shut, the men left. But I have no idea where they went. Hurry up! Chase them—you can still catch them!" (She had actually taken them up on the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax that were spread out for her on the roof.) So the men set chase down the Jordan road toward the fords. As soon as they were gone, the gate was shut. ⁸⁻¹¹ Before the spies were down for the night, the woman came up to them on the roof and said, "I know that GOD has given you the land. We're all afraid. Everyone in the country feels hopeless. We heard how GOD dried up the waters of the Red Sea before you when you left Egypt, and what he did to the two Amorite kings east of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you put under a holy curse and destroyed. We heard it and our hearts sank. We all had the wind knocked out of us. And all because of you, you and GOD, your God, God of the heavens above and God of the earth below. ¹²⁻¹³ "Now promise me by GOD. I showed you mercy; now show my family mercy. And give me some tangible proof, a guarantee of life for my father and mother, my brothers and sisters—everyone connected with my family. Save our souls from death!"

Think:

Have you heard the saying that the grass is always greener on the other side? It basically means that you think other people have a better deal than you. Your mates parents are nicer then yours, your mate has a better games station than you, and your mate doesn't have to go to Church. All too often we look at others who don't know Jesus and think they have it so easy. Your mates at college live life a certain way. They don't have to think about their actions, they can go off and get drunk. You mates at school can swear and curse. They don't have to honour their parents; they can call them names and shout at them. Sometimes others just seem to have it easier. But what we forget is it happens in reverse too. This woman Rahab, who many would have seen as some type of low life, could see that Joshua's men knew God and had something that she didn't. Her words seems to say, hey you have this God of yours who seems to look after you, why don't I? Many of your mates are sitting in a different location to you. They may be getting drunk, they may be swearing and shouting, but many look at you and can see you have something they don't. You see, we take for granted that we have a God that loves us. We take for granted that when times are tough at college, we can pray to our Lord. We take for granted that when we are worried and scared, Jesus is there to guide us. Sometimes the grass is actually greener exactly where you are.

Pray:

Father God thank you that you know exactly what I need and have made that available to me. Lord please help me accept that what you have given me is, what I need. Amen.

Action:

So have you invited anyone to your youth group recently? Ask God to tell you who to invite, they could be looking at you and wondering if the grass is greener where you are. Bye.