

Title: Jesus this Way - Joshua 2 14-24

Read:

¹⁴ "Our lives for yours!" said the men. "But don't tell anyone our business. When GOD turns this land over to us, we'll do right by you in loyal mercy." ¹⁵⁻¹⁶ She lowered them down out a window with a rope because her house was on the city wall to the outside. She told them, "Run for the hills so your pursuers won't find you. Hide out for three days and give your pursuers time to return. Then get on your way." ¹⁷⁻²⁰ The men told her, "In order to keep this oath you made us swear, here is what you must do: Hang this red rope out the window through which you let us down and gather your entire family with you in your house—father, mother, brothers, and sisters. Anyone who goes out the doors of your house into the street and is killed, it's his own fault—we aren't responsible. But for everyone within the house we take full responsibility. If anyone lays a hand on one of them, it's our fault. But if you tell anyone of our business here, the oath you made us swear is cancelled—we're no longer responsible." ²¹ She said, "If that's what you say, that's the way it is," and sent them off. They left and she hung the red rope out the window. ²² They headed for the hills and stayed there for three days until the pursuers had returned. The pursuers had looked high and low but found nothing. ²³⁻²⁴ The men headed back. They came down out of the hills, crossed the river, and returned to Joshua son of Nun and reported all their experiences. They told Joshua, "Yes! GOD has given the whole country to us. Everybody there is in a state of panic because of us."

Think:

OK so we are probably agreed that being a Christian isn't only about going to Church. If you have listened to Aftershock for any length of time then you have probably got the idea that we believe that following Jesus is about following Jesus all week. But that's that isn't it? Being a Christian is about being a Christian at school, college or work, but that's just between you and God isn't it? Well these guys dealing with Rahab didn't seem to think that. They could have got Rahab to do what they wanted and then just not delivered on their end of the bargain, after all she didn't follow God. But actually being a Christian isn't just between us and God. If we don't act towards others with respect and honesty, what difference are they going to see between us Christians and others? If we say one thing and do another, then we are no different to anyone else at school or college. However if we do what we know is right then we are leading others to Jesus. If you do what is right at school even when it seems that you would do better by doing something else, then they are going to start wondering why you act the way you do. And that chat in the canteen, when they say "why did you do that" is the time when you get to say "because that's what Jesus would have wanted."

Pray:

Lord sometimes doing what you want me to do is hard. Please give me the strength of character to make the right choices in my life. Amen

Action:

Do you agree with what you hear on these devs? Or do you disagree and have you own ideas what God is saying. Hey maybe God is saying something different to you. Why not log on at aftershock.org.uk and leave your comments on the devs. Go on, I dare you. You may even get selected at random for one of those great aftershock bands. Bye for now.