

Faith Lessons 1.3
Firstfruits

Reading:

Joshua 2:1-21, 6:22-25, and Matthew 1:1-7.

Questions:

1. Who and what was Rahab? Why do you think the spies went to her house? Why did Rahab risk so much to protect these spies?
2. What does it mean to you that God used Rahab to save His people and even included her, a prostitute, in the ancestral line of the Messiah? What does it show about God's view of your past sin?
3. What other people in the Bible did God use despite their pasts? Have you ever felt inadequate because of a sinful past?
4. Why did God order Jericho not to be rebuilt? What did the ruins of Jericho symbolize?
5. How are the signs of God's ownership evident in your life? In the life of our nation?
6. How could you put the firstfruits concept to work in how you budget your time? In how you relate to your family? In how you steward your money? In how you do your job? In how you spend your vacations? What specific message are we sending to the Lord and to other people when we give the first portion of our blessings back to God?