

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

REFLECTING ON RAHAB'S ROOFTOP CONFESSION

On Episode 79 of the *More Than a Song Podcast*, we used Plumb's song "Exhale" as a catalyst to explore the life and faith of Rahab and what was sent forth by her life's exhale. In the story, Rahab goes up to the rooftop where the Israelite spies are preparing to sleep for the night and makes a three-part confession.

Before the spies went to sleep that night, Rahab went up on the roof to talk with them. "I know the Lord has given you this land," she told them. "We are all afraid of you. Everyone in the land is living in terror. For *we have heard* how the Lord made a dry path for you through the Red Sea when you left Egypt. And we know what you did to Sihon and Og, the two Amorite kings east of the Jordan River, whose people you completely destroyed. No wonder our hearts have melted in fear! No one has the courage to fight after hearing such things. For the Lord your God is the supreme God of the heavens above and the earth below. Joshua 2:8-11 NLT

I highlighted the phrase that jumped out at me... "we have heard." Rahab lists two specific accounts of what they had heard that caused such fear among her people. Closer inspection of the stories reveals that the first account - the story of the Israelites crossing the Red Sea - happened 40 years prior. The next account - what the Israelites did to Sihon and Og - happened in the days leading up to the spies coming to her home.

Your Challenge

Read the "official" version of the stories the Canaanites in Jericho had only "heard" of. You can find these stories in Exodus 13:17-14:31 and Numbers 21:21-35. After reading the stories for yourself, you should more clearly understand why the people in Jericho and "everyone in the land" was living in terror. Then consider the elements of Rahab's confession, and in light of the knowledge you have gained through your thorough reading of these Scriptures, make your own confessions about God.

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this part!*



Rahab's Confession

1. It was God's will and plan that Israel take possession of the land.
2. God was with Israel from the beginning to the end (Exodus to recent conquests)
3. God is sovereign over all

My Confession

1. *What is my confession as it relates to God's will and plan in my life?*
2. *What is my confession as it relates to when I see God in my life?*
3. *What is my confession as it relates to God's sovereignty over my life?*

*Can you hear
God now?*

