



LIVING BY FAITH (SERIES)

1. Faith That Is Alive

2026 February Calendar – Faith & Discipleship Activation

Teaching Series: Living by Faith (Strengthening marriages)

Special Focus: Family & Marriage - “Love That Lasts”

February 2026 is a month of intentional faith and discipleship as we focus on strengthening families and building marriages that reflect God’s heart. Under the teaching series “Living by Faith”, we are turning our attention to the foundation of the home - marriage - believing that strong marriages produce strong families, strong churches, and strong communities.

1 John 3:18 NLT

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James 2:25 NLT

Rahab the prostitute, is another example. She was shown to be right with God by her actions when she hid those messengers and sent them safely away by a different road.

Throwing back (Joshua 2 & 6)

The Israelites are preparing to conquer the city of Jericho. Rahab, a Canaanite woman living on the margins of society as a sex worker, lives within the city walls

From Hearing to Believing: The Faith of Rahab: Rahab has heard reports of what Israel’s God has done - parting the Red Sea and defeating kings. Unlike her countrymen who oppose God, she is convinced in her heart that "the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on earth below" - *Joshua 2:11 NLT. No wonder our hearts have melted in fear! No one dares to fight after hearing such things. For the LORD your God is the supreme God of the heavens above and the earth below.*

The Evidence of Faith: Instead of just agreeing intellectually, Rahab acts on her faith. She hides two Israelite spies sent by Joshua and protects them from the King of Jericho, risking her life in the process. *Joshua 2:4-6 NLT - Rahab had hidden the two men, but she replied, "Yes, the men were here earlier, but I didn't know where they were from. [5] They left the town at dusk, as the gates were about to close.*

I don't know where they went. If you hurry, you can probably catch up with them." [6] (Actually, she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them beneath bundles of flax she had laid out.)

The Result: Because of her active faith, she secures a promise of safety for her family. When the walls of Jericho fall, Rahab and her family are spared, and she is welcomed into the community of Israel (Joshua 6:17, 22-25). *Hebrews 11:31 NLT - It was by faith that Rahab the prostitute was not destroyed with the people in her city who refused to obey God. For she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.*

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Taking a stand when the walls are coming down

1. **The faith that is alive is "Risky":** Rahab's faith was not passive; it was a "living faith" because she acted against her own self-interest and cultural expectations to align with God.
2. **Covenant Partners:** She chose to stop opposing God and started partnering with His plans, despite her background.
3. **Mission:** Deliverance: James 2:25 explicitly cites Rahab, along with Abraham, to show that faith works alongside actions, and that actions perfect faith.

In Conclusion

- **The Risk of the Rescue (Rahab):** Risking her life to hide the messengers of God (Joshua 2:4-6, 11). **As James 2:25 explicitly cites, Rahab proves that even the "unlikely" are justified when their faith partners with God's mission.**
- **The Partnership of the Ark (Noah):** Building a vessel for a flood that had never been seen (Genesis 6:14, 22). **Faith acts on God's Word even when the circumstances appear illogical to the world.**
- **The Perfection of the Promise (Abraham):** Offering up Isaac, the very son of the promise (Genesis 22:9-12). **Faith is "perfected" or made complete only when we are willing to put feet to our feelings (James 2:21-22).**

- **The Ultimate Mission: Deliverance (Jesus Christ):** Enduring the cross to rescue the family of believers (Hebrews 12:2). **Jesus is our perfect model; His faith was not just a thought, but a sacrificial journey that resulted in our eternal rescue.**

Mission: Deliverance: The Outcome: When faith moves from a thought to a physical act, it results in rescue—for ourselves, our families, and our communities (Hebrews 11:7). **Hebrews 11:7 NLT** It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his - family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before. By his faith, Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the righteousness that comes by faith.

Prayer Points

1. **Boldness for the "Mission: Deliverance:**
 - Pray for the "unlikely" opportunities to partner with God in rescuing those around us, starting with our own families.
 - Intercede for the rescue of our families; ask that our homes would become "Arks" of safety and salvation through our active, living faith.
2. **Courage for "Illogical" Obedience -** *By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family." (Hebrews 11:7)*
 - Ask God to reveal any "Arks" He is calling you to build in this season (a new ministry, a restored relationship, or a career shift).
 - Pray for the courage of Abraham to lay down our "Isaacs"—the things we hold most dear—trusting that God's plan is better than our own.