

When God Grips

Primers

Devotions are primers:

What is a primer?

Definition of primer

a small introductory on a subject

a short informative piece to stimulate you toward some ideas

Stimulate your thinking and actions to consider these things to go dig deeper. I'm going to prime the pump but you need to keep it fueled and in the right watering hole.

Devotions are intended to stimulate and prime your mind and heart to reflect on a greater source, subject and service to the Lord.

Rahab — Gripped by Glory

Rahab... what a sweet testimony of the redeeming interruption and permanent invasion of God's grace.

This woman, Rahab, which her name means broad/wide or large, goes from being a canaanite•pagan•gentile•prostitute to a woman of faith, a wife and the great great great great and so on...grandmother of both David and Jesus. I think her name represent more of the width of her testimony than her body size. And I'm pretty sure her name and immoral work was well known in Jericho—but because a grace, and her acts of faith, her name and favor with the Lord has been widely spread across the globe and throughout the ages.

That's right, grace... God's redeeming grace in Christ, can take a wretch like me, a Canaanite harlot like Rahab and a sinner like you, and make a beautiful and broad testimony out our lives for His glory and the good of those around us.

Truth—that makes us free—always causes a crisis with our convictions before it breaks the chains of deception, pride and lies. Truth, measured out by God's redeeming grace, will take a bottom feeder

like me and Rahab and make us into a blessing of God's faithfulness.

Rahab went from being a bottom feeding worm — gnawing on the rottenness of Jericho — to a warrior and wife — who unashamedly placed her trust and life in the Lord's hands. Her living witness became a rich testimony to God's redeeming grace.

Oh, the difference the right message and messengers make in the lives of those who welcome them with open hearts and arms.

Hope and help for the bottom feeders

"He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. 41He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. 42And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward." Matthew 10:40-42

"In the way of righteousness is life, And in its pathway there is no death." Proverbs 12:28

"As righteousness leads to life, So he who pursues evil pursues it to his own death." Proverbs 11:19

"The labor of the righteous leads to life, but the gain of the wicked brings punishment." Proverbs 10:16

Joined the kingdom of the converted — she trembled like the rest but know she trusted and found rest.

A dragonfly/horsefly has about as good a chance to knock down a wall, as the children of Israel did to knock down the walls of Jericho. But when God is leading the demolition, the odds immediately and drastically increase. He never considers the odds... and He makes the impossible possible. Glory!!!

Walls fall and the rivers quiver,
when God promises to deliver.
His way may seem awfully odd,
But it's by faith we walk, run and plod.
What seems so strange before this day,

Is victory for all who obey.

Doing things God's way will often seem unconventional, strange at times and it may not make much sense at the moment... but your obedience and His triumphal lead, [over or through] what's before you, will not only be an occasion to celebrate but an opportunity to glorify Him who makes the impossible possible.

The difference the right message and messengers make

#nestingwithjesus #joshua #joshua2 #rahab #grippedbyglory #courage #courageous #command
#authority #strength #presence #Hispresence #thatsHimmyGod #havefaithinGod
#movingmountains #trustGod #trustwhatHesays #outofseason #itdoesntmakesense
#outofseasonword #forGodsglory #trustandobey #keepdigging #summerseries
#summerseries2022