From Outsider To Insider

Joshua 2

1. Faith takes action

Do we keep the blood covering over our homes and get others into the house of God?

James 2:25-26 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. Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.

She let that knowledge shape her actions! The action, rooted in her faith, brought about the series of events that saved her! (allowing the spies to see her faith)

2. Are you an insider or an outsider?

“Outsider: Someone who stands outside Israel (OT) or the kingdom of God (NT). They do not belong to God’s inner circle of special relationship… they stand condemned… under God’s eternal judgement for their sin and rebellion.” Robert L. Hubbard Jr.

We should never disqualify anyone from ministry! Your past is not going to thwart your divine destiny if you begin to step out in faith for Him!

“Insiders: God not only welcomes outsiders but also uses them to encourage His people.” Robert L. Hubbard Jr.

“As with any human beings, behind the outward appearance... is a person for whom Jesus died.” Robert L. Hubbard Jr.

“See them as people whom God has on the way somewhere, not people who have reached their final destination in life.” Robert L. Hubbard Jr.

We all have a bit of outsider in us and we all have opportunities to perpetuate others as outsiders OR invite them in as the spies did with Rahab.

Ephesians 2:11-13 NIV – Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)—remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
3. The red cord is for you.

_Ephesians 2:14 NLT_ – For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us.

**Key verse to memorize:**

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**Discussion questions:**

1. Share a time when your faith took action?
2. Do you think God may be calling you to take more action with your faith? If so how?
3. Who might God be asking you to invite into His family?
4. Share a time when you felt like an outsider?
5. Share an “outsider” mindset you may still carry?
6. What’s something you can do this week to help an outsider feel more like an insider?