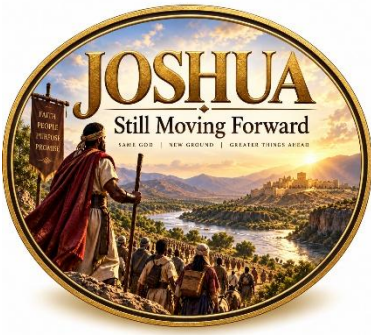




Friendship Baptist Church of Kansas City

Thankful Thursday Bible Study at Noon

STILL MOVING FORWARD

WEEK 2 — FAITH IN AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE

October 1, 2026

KEY FACTS ABOUT THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

Book: Joshua

Old Testament Section: Historical Books

Chapters: 24

Key Person: Joshua, the successor to Moses

Name Meaning: Joshua means “The LORD saves.” The Hebrew name *Yehoshua* is closely related to the name Jesus.

Historical Setting: The book begins immediately after the death of Moses. Israel is preparing to cross the Jordan River and enter the land God had promised to Abraham and his descendants.

Major Theme: God is faithful to His promises. Israel is called to trust God, obey His Word, move forward in faith, and receive what He has promised.

Major Events in Joshua:

- Joshua becomes Israel’s leader.
- Israel crosses the Jordan River.
- Jericho is conquered.
- Israel takes possession of the Promised Land.
- The land is divided among the tribes.
- Joshua challenges Israel to remain faithful to God.

Key Spiritual Truth:

God’s people can move confidently into the future when they trust His promises, obey His Word, and depend upon His presence.

UNIT TITLE

STILL MOVING FORWARD

Unit Theme:

God remains faithful through every transition, every battle, and every season of life. The book of Joshua reminds us that as long as God gives us life, there is still opportunity to trust Him, obey Him, serve Him, and leave a faithful legacy.

LESSON TITLE

FAITH IN AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE

PRIMARY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

Joshua 2:1–21 KJV

“And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.” — Joshua 2:11 (KJV)

WHY THIS LESSON MATTERS

The future can feel uncertain. Changes in health, family, finances, relationships, community, and church life can leave us asking, **“What is going to happen next?”**

Joshua 2 introduces us to Rahab, a woman living in Jericho at a moment when everything around her was about to change. She did not know every detail of what would happen, but she had heard what God had done, and she chose to trust Him.

This lesson reminds us that faith does not require us to know the whole future. Faith calls us to trust the God who is already there. The question is not, **“Do I know what tomorrow holds?”** The better question is, **“Do I trust God enough to take the next faithful step?”**

INTRODUCTION

Joshua 2 shifts the scene from Israel’s camp to the city of Jericho. Joshua sends two spies into the land. They enter the house of Rahab, a woman whose life and city are both facing an uncertain future. The king of Jericho learns that the spies have come, and Rahab is suddenly forced to make a decision about where she will place her trust.

Rahab had heard what the LORD had done for Israel. She knew about the Red Sea and the victories God had given His people. Although she had not personally witnessed those events, the testimony of God's power had reached her. What others heard only with fear, Rahab heard with faith.

Rahab makes a remarkable confession: **“the LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.” — Joshua 2:11**

Rahab was not presented as a perfect person with a perfect past. Yet God met her in a complicated situation and drew her into a future shaped by faith. Her story teaches us that when tomorrow is uncertain, we can still listen to what God has done, choose to trust Him, and act faithfully on what we believe.

KEY WORDS

Faith — Trusting God and placing confidence in Him even when we cannot yet see the outcome.

Scripture: Joshua 2:9–11; Hebrews 11:1

Testimony — A witness or report of what God has done. Rahab's faith was stirred by hearing about God's mighty acts for Israel.

Scripture: Joshua 2:10

Mercy — Compassionate kindness shown to someone who needs help, rescue, or protection. Rahab asked that kindness be shown to her family.

Scripture: Joshua 2:12–14

Covenant — A solemn promise or binding commitment. Rahab and the spies made an agreement concerning the safety of her household.

Scripture: Joshua 2:12–14, 17–20

LESSON OUTLINE

1. FAITH _____ WHAT GOD HAS DONE

Joshua 2:8–11

“We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you...” — Joshua 2:10

Rahab had not yet seen the walls of Jericho fall, but she had heard what the LORD had done for Israel - how He opened the Red Sea and gave His people victory. The same reports that filled Jericho with fear moved Rahab toward faith. When our future feels uncertain, we can strengthen our faith by remembering God's

past faithfulness. Many of us learned to trust God through the testimony of parents, grandparents, pastors, church mothers and fathers, and faithful friends who told us how the Lord made a way. Your testimony also matters: what God has brought you through may help someone else trust Him for what lies ahead.

STUDENT NOTES:

2. FAITH _____ WHOM IT WILL TRUST

Joshua 2:11–14

Rahab moved from hearing about God to personally choosing to trust Him, declaring, “the LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.” The walls were still standing and the danger had not disappeared, but Rahab decided where her confidence would rest. Uncertain seasons often expose what we are leaning on. We cannot control every change in our health, family, finances, church, or community, but we can choose whom we will trust. Faith does not give us control over tomorrow; it gives us confidence in the God who remains faithful while we walk into tomorrow.

STUDENT NOTES:

3. FAITH _____ BEFORE IT SEES THE OUTCOME

Joshua 2:15–21

Rahab's faith became visible through action: she helped the spies escape, followed their instructions, and placed the scarlet cord in her window before she knew the final outcome. Hebrews 11:31 and James 2:25 remember her as a woman whose actions showed that her faith was real; she did not earn God's grace by her works. She also asked for mercy for her family, showing that genuine faith reaches beyond ourselves. There are times when God does not show us the entire road, but He gives us enough light for the next step. Faith obeys what God has shown us today and trusts Him with what we cannot yet see.

STUDENT NOTES:

LIFE APPLICATION ASSIGNMENT

This week, identify **one area of your future that feels uncertain**.

Then prayerfully answer these two questions:

1. What has God already shown me about His faithfulness?

2. What faithful step can I take this week even before I know the outcome?

Each morning this week, pray:

“Lord, I do not know what lies ahead, but I trust You. Help me take the next faithful step.”

THIS WEEK I WILL REMEMBER

- I do not have to see the whole future to trust God today.
- God’s faithfulness in the past gives me courage for the present.
- Real faith listens to God’s record, trusts God’s character, and takes faithful action.