

## *Rahab Discussion*

*Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.*

*What is the LORD's attitude towards people whose lives have been spoiled?*

*Do we often need to be reminded of that?*

*Can a person be drawn into a life of sin and depravity by circumstances beyond their control?*

*Even if people are caught in a desperate situation due to their own actions, do we have a right to look down on them or assume that the LORD has no use for them?*

*Rahab obviously knew about the Israelites and recognized the hand of God in their history. Is it reasonable that the LORD rewarded that seeking with opportunity to find?*

*How did Rahab exercise faith in hiding the spies? Was it wrong to lie about which way they went?*

*Had you heard about the Legend of Keret before? Is it reasonable that God would use special things in the culture of a people to demonstrate his power to those who had eyes to see?*

*What kind of reception do you think Rahab had when entering the camp of Israel?*

*Might the miraculous delivery and her heroic part in the victory have made the first conversations easier?*

*What was the LORD showing his people about his plan?*

*Rahab may or may not have been given information about the future of her child Boaz, but what did she know for sure about the ways of the LORD?*

*Might the LORD have a plan for you that is beyond your imagination?*

*How does that affect your attitude towards every event of every day?*

*Do you ever think that you are "damaged-goods" and unworthy of God's attention?*

*What is the LORD's attitude towards "damaged-goods"?*

*Does God only work with spiritual "upper classes"?*

*What is the message of Isaiah 57 mean to us? ("For this is what the high and lofty One says, he who lives forever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.")*