

# RUNNING WITH THE GIANTS

## Part 8

### Big Idea

Throughout the “Running With the Giants” Series, we have learned key truths from some of the greatest heroes of the faith found in the Bible. This week, we talked about Rahab, a prostitute from Jericho who ultimately became the great grandmother of Jesus Christ. When Joshua sent spies into Jericho, Rahab, who lived in the outer wall of Jericho, assisted them with their mission and hid them from enemy authorities. Because she was willing to say “yes” when an opportunity came for her to help the people of God, Rahab’s legacy did not end in prostitution. God took control of her life story, saved her entire family from the destruction of Jericho, and made her a part of the bloodline of the Savior of the world. If Rahab were here today, she would encourage those of us who are currently disappointed with our lives by saying, “Let God write your story.” God is always searching for us to be in His story, and if we surrender to Him, He will make a way for us to be a part of it. Regardless of the darkness we’ve walked through, God has a plan to redeem our lives. His story always has a redemptive ending. We simply need to say “yes” when He invites to be a part of His story. As we allow God to write our life story, He wants to surprise us with His love, and we need to accept it. There is no place we can go where the love of God does not reach. We must embrace His love for us! Once we have received that love, we will be able to love others and serve God by using our story to minister to others. God will use the redemption from darkness in our lives to bring redemption to others who are experiencing that darkness. And when we see our personal redemption having a ripple effect in the lives of others, we must be sure to give all the glory to Jesus. All He wants in return for turning our lives around is adoration and praise. Let’s give our lives to God. He can do so much more with them than we can. And let’s glorify His name for all He does in and through us, for He alone is worthy .

*“This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: ‘Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners’—and I am the worst of them all. But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life. All honor and glory to God forever and ever! He is the eternal King, the unseen one who never dies; he alone is God. Amen.” – 1 Timothy 15-17 NLT*

### Discussion Questions

- Talk about the moment you said “yes” to God’s invitation to be a part of His story. What would your story have been if you had said “no”? How is your life different today?
- Explain this statement: “There is no place you can go where the love of God does not reach.” How has this impacted your life? What helped you be able to receive God’s love?
- Explain how God can use redemption to impact the lives of others. Tell the group about how he has used your story to affect others.

### Prayer Focus

Praise God for wanting to redeem your life story, and thank Him for paying the price for the darkness of your past. Ask Him to help you receive His forgiveness and love. Pray for opportunities to share your redeemed story with others.

### Next Step

If you recognize that God has invited you to be a part of His story but you haven’t yet joined Him, say yes! Accept His love for you. Look for opportunities to share what He has done in your life with others who are struggling. Praise and thank Him for the new story He is writing for you.

### Leader Tip

Personally invite previous group members to attend an upcoming Small Group Leadership Training.