



INTRODUCTION

Timeline—Part 6

We all love stories. They make us feel like we are a part of something bigger than ourselves. They can stir the imagination and engage the heart. They motivate us, influence us, and have the unique ability to build connections. So, it's no wonder that the Bible is the most beloved book of all time!

In this series, Timeline, we'll explore the stories that span 4,000 years of biblical history, from Genesis to Malachi. As we focus on some of the most beloved stories in the Old Testament, we'll discover that in every story the overarching theme is God's desire to have a relationship with us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think people are hesitant to turn to God or others when they have a need? How do you think we can help people see their need for God?
2. Read Joshua 2:1-14. What do we learn about Rahab from this story? Why do you think she was willing to trust in the God of Israel when others in her city were not?
3. Read Hebrews 11:31 and James 2:24-26. What are some characteristics of true faith?
4. Read Joshua 2:15-21. How does this story illustrate how we are "saved" through Christ?
5. Read Matthew 1:5. Why is it significant that Rahab's name appears in Jesus's genealogy? Why is this encouraging?
6. How might you apply this lesson to your life?

APPLICATION

Some people need to be saved, but are too proud to reach out for help.
Some people may not be aware of their situation or realize they need saving.
Some people feel they are too far beyond being saved.

Whether we are aware of it or not, everyone needs to be saved, helped, or rescued at some point in our lives. Sometimes we need to be saved physically, but more importantly, we need to be saved spiritually. And no matter, our situation is never so bad that God can't rescue us.

God can save anyone. We have the promise from God that whoever calls on Him will be saved. We have to acknowledge our situation—that we are sinners and need a Savior—and place our trust in Jesus.

KEY VERSES (HCSB)

Deuteronomy 9:5
Ezekiel 33:11
Joshua 2:1-21
Hebrews 11:31
Joshua 6:25
James 2:25-26