



***The Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below. Joshua 2:11***

Have you ever thought God was only active in heaven and not on the earth? It can happen when things on earth disappoint you. When this happens you can wonder, *God are you only interested in things up there, in heaven, and less concerned with me?*

Fear struck the two spies Joshua sent to *Go look over the land...especially Jericho* (Joshua 2:1). The spies were being chased and were afraid. They hid on a rooftop under stalks of flax. Rooftops were used for drying grain or stalks. The person who owned this apartment allowed them to hide and put her own life at risk. Her name was Rahab.

The story continues, Rahab sends the pursuers away and tells the spies to come out. She then makes an astounding confession: what follows is a summary of verses 9-11,

- *I know the Lord has given you this land...*
- *The Canaanites hearts are melting in fear because of you...*
- *We heard how the Lord dried up the Red Sea when you came out of Egypt...*
- *Our hearts melted and everyone's courage melted, (The Canaanite Gods are no match for your God)...*
- *for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.*

Faith is confidence in God even when we don't have courage. Faith is assured of the evidence that God is for us so who can be against us. Faith is waiting for God to show us what he is doing. Like the Spies in Joshua 2, sometimes faith causes us to hide from those things which pursue us, and sometimes it means getting help from some unknown sources. Faith is the enduring confidence in God who is God in heaven and on the earth below is still concerned with me. At such times as this it helps to recall a time in the past where God showed up. Sometimes we need to hear it so we can continue to believe.

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