

Joshua 2:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the men answered her, Our life for your's, if ye utter not this our business. And it shall be, when the LORD hath given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee.

Analysis

The spies' oath 'Our life for yours, if ye utter not this our business' creates binding covenant protecting Rahab's family. Their lives guarantee the promise.

Historical Context

This verse appears in the Jordan crossing narrative, one of Joshua's most significant events demonstrating God's power and faithfulness in bringing Israel into the Promised Land.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does this passage demonstrate God's faithfulness to His covenant promises?
2. What application does this truth have for your walk with Christ today?

Interlinear Text

ל	א	א	ם	לֹמ וְת	תַּחֲתֵיכֶם	נַפְשׁ נֹ	הָאֲנָשׁ יִם	לָהּ	וַיֹּאמְרוּ
				for yours	H8478	her Our life	H376	H0	answered
				H4191		H5315			H559
בָּתֵּת	וְהִי הִ	זֶה	דְּבַר נֹ	אֶת	תֵּג יְדֹ				
hath given	H1961	H2088	not this our business	H853	if ye utter				
H5414			H1697		H5046				
עַמִּי	וְעַשׂ יִנֹּ	הָאֶרֶץ	אֶת	לָנוּ	יְהוָה				
H5973	that we will deal	us the land	H853	H0	And it shall be when the LORD				
	H6213	H776			H3068				
וְאִמְרָתִי	חַדָּ								
	kindly	and truly							
	H2617	H571							

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 5:7 (Parallel theme): Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Proverbs 18:24 (Parallel theme): A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

Genesis 24:49 (Parallel theme): And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left.