

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 מ לְמַ וְתַ מְחַתִּיכֶם
answered H0 her Our life H8478 for yours H518 H3808
H559 H376 H5315 H4191

בְּתַת וּבְיַד יְהִי הָעֵדָה
if ye utter H853 not this our business H2088 H1961 hath given H5414
H5046 H1697

עֲתָה וְעַשׂ יְכוֹן כִּי הַלְּכָה
And it shall be when the LORD H3068 אֶת לְכָה H0 H853 כִּי רַצְתָּךְ H776 us the land H6213 that we will deal H5973

אֶת וְאֶת
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.