

Joshua 2:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they were:

Analysis

Rahab's deception to protect the spies raises ethical questions about lying to evil authorities. Some view her faith as praiseworthy despite flawed methods; others see justified deception when protecting innocent from evil.

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

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

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

וַתֵּקַח ח	וְהָאִשָּׁה ה	אֶת	שְׁנֵי י	הָאֲנָשִׁים ים	וַתְּחַפֵּן ו	וְהָאֲנָשִׁים ים
took	And the woman	H853	the two	H376	and hid	them and said
H3947	H802		H8147		H6845	H559
כֵּן	בָּאוּ	אֵלַי	הָאֲנָשִׁים ים	וְלֹא א	יָדַעְתִּי	יָמָּה ין
H3651	thus There came	H413	H376	H3808	unto me but I wist	not whence
	H935				H3045	H370
הָמָּה:						
H1992						

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 6:19 (Parallel theme): And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria.