

Stories from Joshua build faith, teach us about God

The Bible Book of Joshua contains many stories that can build our faith and that teach us what kind of person the true God is.

Some who have made serious mistakes in their past may fear that God could never forgive them. The first five chapters of Joshua talk about the Israelites crossing into the Promised Land. Included in that account is a story about Rahab, a prostitute, who helped God's people when they sent spies to check out the land.

Joshua 2:1 says, "Then Joshua the son of Nun sent two men out secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, take a look at the land and Jericho." So they went and came to the house of a prostitute woman whose name was Rahab, and they took up lodging there."

Rahab concealed the spies because she had faith in God. Joshua



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2:9, 10 says, "And she went on to say to the men: 'I do know that God will certainly give you the land, and that the fright of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land have become disheartened because of you. For we have how God dried up the waters of the Red Sea from before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were on the other side of the Jordan, namely Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction.'"

Because of God's acts in behalf

ing her household for salvation when they took possession of the land.

Joshua 6:22, 23 tells us they lived up to their promise and rescued Rahab and her family before burning Jericho.

Did God reject Rahab because of her past as a prostitute? Evidently not, because the apostle Paul mentions her in his list of past servants of God, including Noah, Moses, Abraham and Sarah, who showed extraordinary faith.

Hebrews 11:30, 31 says, "By faith the walls of Jericho fell down

after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish with those who acted disobediently, because she received the spies in a peaceable way."

What does that mean that "by faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days?"

Joshua chapter 6 relates how Joshua passed on God's instructions for defeating the city to the priests, and they carried out those instructions, which included marching around the city for seven days and marching around the city seven times on the seventh day and then letting out a great war cry, and the walls of Jericho fell down flat.

Why would the walls fall in the face of marching and a war cry? They had God's help; they followed

His instructions; He gave them the victory.

Chapter 7 relates what happened to a man who didn't follow God's instructions and to his family, who knew what he had done.

God had commanded the Israelites to devote all of Jericho to destruction, with the exception of Rahab and her family. That meant everything, no matter how valuable. Achan didn't listen.

Joshua 7:20, 21 says, "At this Achan answered Joshua and said: 'For a fact I — I have sinned against the God of Israel.... When I got to see among the spoil an official garment from Shinar, a good-looking one, and two hundred shekels of silver and one gold bar, fifty shekels being its weight, then, I wanted them, and I took them....'

Verse 25 tells us what happened to Achan and his family:

"With that all Israel went pelting him with stones, after which they burned them with fire. Thus they stoned them with stones."

Those who had faith in God and obeyed him were blessed; those who disobeyed were destroyed. This has not changed for Christians, for Jesus told his followers what would happen when he is in kingdom power.

Matthew 25:31, 32, 46 says, "When the Son of man arrives in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit down on his glorious throne. And all the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.... And these will depart into everlasting cutting-off, but the righteous ones into everlasting life."

March is National Social Worker Month

Various medical disciplines are all crucial to creating and maintaining sound hospice and palliative care, and research shows hospice programs benefit by the presence of social workers.

The National Hospice Social Work Survey in March 2000 said the hospice social worker positively impacts cost savings and quality of care.

March is National Social Worker Month, and Hospice Services extends our appreciation and salute to our social workers who bring their special talents and resources to the hospice team.

Social workers remain such a vital part of hospice and palliative care. Hospice Services employs three social workers, Missy Lamont of Phillipsburg, Mindy Greene of Goodland and Diane Frickey of Oberlin, who together have more than 24 years of experience working in hospice and end-of-life care.

Hospice social work is not a "crisis" or "as needed only" service. Regular and consistent social intervention reduces crisis and facilitates smoother team function.

When possible, initial assessments done jointly by social



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The involvement of the social worker is associated with many benefits,

workers and nurses yield on-going dividends by presenting hospice as a team from the very start of service and allows for smoother teamwork internally.

Hospice social workers recognize the unique aspects of their work in providing end-of-life care. Social workers help the person and the caregiver and family identify and discuss concerns related to the life-limiting illness.

Medical social services provided for persons served by hospice are reflective of traditional social work roles including, but not limited to, psycho social assessment, support, consultation, education, resource and referral services and advocacy.

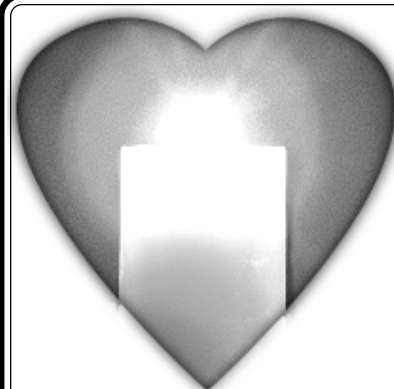
The psycho social assessment includes patient understanding of disease, symptoms and side effects as well as assessment of care giving needs, capacity and coping strategies.

including better team functioning, more issues addressed by the social worker on the team and increased satisfaction of the persons served by hospice.

The Hospice Services social worker also provides care for the patients and families experiencing loss, grief and bereavement. Bereavement services are recognized as a core component of the hospice and palliative care program.

For more information about hospice and palliative care, please contact Hospice Services at (785) 543-2900 or (800) 315-5122.

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Alcohol abuse has different levels

In the field of substance abuse, an alcoholic is described as someone who has developed a physical and psychological dependence upon alcohol to the extent they are not able to control their drinking, said the Healthy Exchange newsletter, which can be found at www.healthyexchange.com.

A "social drinker" is seen as someone who uses alcohol occasionally and drinks in moderation. Between those two are "abusive drinkers," who describe themselves as people who drink to relax, in other words, to relieve stress.

This is often in response to job stress, financial problems or marital or family problems. Alcohol consumption becomes a method of escaping problems at home or work and an attempt to avoid feeling angry, depressed or anxious.

The problem is that too often the abusive drinker does not recognize that the use of alcohol actually increases stress, both physically and



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emotionally. The side effects of abusive drinking include damage to the liver and heart and contribute to a decline in general health.

For many drinkers, feelings of anger or aggression increase as a result of the use of alcohol, seriously affecting relationships with family, friends and on the job.

The risk of drinking "just to relax" on a regular basis is that it can become a bad habit, a conditioned behavior of responding to life's stresses by having a few beers or drinks.

Such a habit can turn into dependency on alcohol, as well as an avoidance of working on the issues related to stress. A person can also

develop a tolerance for alcohol, meaning that the same amount of alcohol no longer has the same effect, and the person must drink

more to have the expected effect.

Without realizing it, millions of people have progressed through the stages of use, abuse and tolerance and on to dependency on alcohol, what is called alcoholism.

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HOMESTEAD REALTY & AUCTION Co. ANNUAL FARM EQUIPMENT CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

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EQUIPMENT: Blue Jet 27' dual applicator W/chisel shanks; Big Ox 9 shank ripper; Orthman 8 row bean knifer; Orthman front mount 3pt; IHC 3206 9', 3pt disc mower; Gehl 3pt combination round bale mover/feeder; Popup small square bale loader; OMC round baler; Hesston #10 stackhand; 70' Versatile 8' pto auger; Mayrath 50' - 8" PTO auger; Ford 7' 3pt cultivator; JD 28' chisel W/small sweeps, harrows; 30' tool bar; Miller 21' tandem disc; FK 16' offset disc; Round baler; 500 gal gas tank on skids, 120V pump; 8' box blade; Small cultivator; 2 row lister; JD 1610 grain drill; RoCut 3pt mower, 72", like new; Several trailers; Pull type dry fertilizer spreader; Sunflower 7 x 5 sweep W/New style FK pickers; 52' Field Cultivator; New Poly Tron livestock waterer; DewEze Super bale slicer

MISC ITEMS: 1997 Aqua Spa 4 person hot tub, Cedar enclosure, books & chemicals, works good; Folding ramps for 4 wheeler; HD steel work bench; Steel posts; Wood & steel work benches; Cabinets & tool boxes; 3/4" drill press; New air wrenches; Steel shelving; Pig warmer mats; 2-chicken warmers; Generac 4000 Watt generator; New K-Interstate Model KT1 63154 transmission jack; 2 ton chain hoist; PU tow bar; Several hyd. jacks; 15 gal pull sprayer; Good 16' hog wire panels; 2 small hog self feeders, like new; 4-18.4 x 38 tractor tires; 5th wheel plate; Transfer pump W/hoses; 2hp air compressor; 4-LT 245/75 R 16 tires; White GT 1855 riding mower, 50i deck, good cond.; 8hp Troy Bilt roto tiller; Chief 3pt post hole digger, 9" auger; Wheel barrows; 30' x 6" auger W/elect motor; Quinstar 11hp mower, 42" front deck; 2-3 Trailers FULL of smaller items

ABSOLUTE SALE OF VEHICLES FROM ALEX'S RADIATOR: 1979 Itasca 21' motor home, Chevy , generator; 1995 Chevy Monte Carlo; 1997 Ford Escort; 1990 Honda Accord; 1994 Mazda 626 LX; 1983 Chevy K10 pu, 4x4; 1988 Acura Legend; 1989 Isuzu Trooper; 1986 Honda Accord; 1982 Ford Explorer; 1989 Honda Accord; 1988 Chevy Nova; 1990 Chevy Cavlier; 1998 Ford Contour LX; 1992 Ford Thunderbird; 1986 Honda Accord; 1987 Volkswagon Quantum GL5; 1988 Lincoln Towncar; 1991 Ford F150 pu; 1984 Volvo DL; 1984 Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera; 1976 Ford F150 4x4 pu; 1988 Buick Park Avenue; 1977 Chevy Cheyenne 20 camper special 4x4; 1989 Mercury SW; 1988 Nissan pu, 4x4; 1992 Ford Crown Victoria LX; 1985 Ford F250 4x4; 1992 Geo Prizm; 1994 Ford Escort LX; 1995 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme SL; 1990 Hyundai Excel GL; 1987 Lincoln Towncar; 1995 Chevy Monte Carlo Z74; 1991 Ford Ranger extended cab; 1989 Chevy step van 30 series, propane

MACHINERY FROM THE JIM MCCELLAND ESTATE: Ford C6000 truck W/16' box, hoist, seed wheat auger RO tarp; IH 1566, 18.4 x 38 duals, 3pt, 2hyds; 1979 Ford pu, 4x4, 4sp; Miller 5 x 5 Flex Blade W/FK pickers; 3 x 6 sweep; FK 26' rod weeder/TYE 20' 3pt 8" disc drill; 3-JD-LZ 8' x 12" hoe drills W/end transport; 2-JD-LZ 8' x 12" hoe drills; 18' Krause offset disc; Front Dozer blade; 8 row - 3pt tool bar with ditchers; GH chisel; JD 5' 3pt mower

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