

Sermon Title:

“Don’t You Love it When a Plan Comes Together?”

Joshua 2:1-7, 15-24

I. Sometimes Our Plans Don’t Work

A. The Failed Plan of a Godly Leader

1. Why the spies were sent “secretly.”
2. Why go to a prostitute’s house?
3. How well did the plan work?

B. The Failed Plan of a Pagan King

1. Was this a secret in Jericho?
  - a) No, the king of Jericho knew.
  - b) He knew that they were in the country.
  - c) He knew that they had gone to Rahab’s house.
  - d) He knew that they were still at Rahab’s house.
2. How well did the King’s plan work?

II. The Plan that Always Works

A. Why did the prostitute’s plan work?

1. Wasn’t it lucky that of all the prostitute’s they could have visited, that they just happened to go to the one prostitute who was a believer in Yahweh?

2. Also, isn’t it lucky that when the king’s men came to her home and knew that the spies were there, that they did not search the roof more carefully because if they did, they would have found the spies hiding under the flax?

3. The king’s men knew that misdirection and lies are ploys that secret agents face every day. Nonetheless, isn’t it amazing that they so easily believed the lies that this woman of questionable morals told them?

4. Wasn’t it fortunate that Rahab’s house just happened to be right next to the wall so that when the gates were closed, that Rahab could easily let them down the outside from a rope hanging from her window?

5. Wasn’t it fortunate that the prostitute’s plan worked?

B. What does the success of Rahab’s plan prove?

CONCLUSION: