



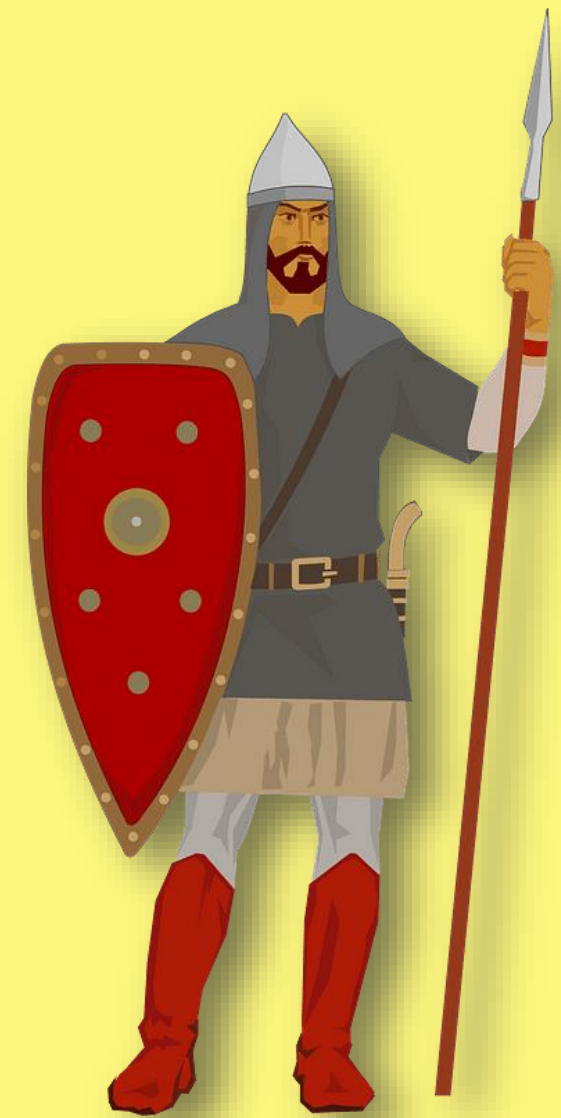
Who Do You Obey?

Family Discussion



Rahab said to them, "I know that the LORD has given this land to you and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. When we heard of it, our hearts melted and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.

Joshua 2:9-11 (NIV)



Discuss

- What explanation did Rahab offer for her decision to act to protect the Israelite spies? When she helped the spies, who else would she have been afraid of?
- The Bible states that we are basically to obey the government authorities ruling over us. Why was Rahab justified in disobeying the Jericho officials and protecting the spies?
- How can we know when it is right or wrong to disobey the civil authorities



Pray



- Thank the Lord for the men and women who protect you in your city and who protect our nation.
- Pray for our government that they will govern well at all levels, making and enforcing just and right laws.
- Ask God for wisdom to know when civil disobedience could be the right choice.
- Pray for believers in countries where they live in fear of laws and authorities that are against Christians.