

Monday -

1971 Coke Commercial - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1VM2eLhvsSM>

Wednesday -

Rahab skit

Narrator: After Moses died, God spoke to Joshua, Moses' right-hand man:

God: Joshua, get going. Cross this Jordan River, you and all the people. Cross to the country I'm giving to the People of Israel. I'm giving you every square inch of the land you set your foot on—just as I promised Moses. In the same way I was with Moses, I'll be with you. I won't give up on you; I won't leave you. Strength! Courage! You are going to lead this people to inherit the land that I promised to give their ancestors. Give it everything you have, heart and soul.

Narrator: So Joshua listened and went and gave out orders to all the Israelites to pack their bags and prepare to cross the river Jordan in three days. But then, he secretly sent out two men as spies:

Joshua: Pssst. . . Just take a peek at the land. Check things out over in Jericho.

Narrator: So the spies left and arrived at the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed the night with her. Now, it didn't take long for the king of Jericho to catch wind of these events.

King of Jericho: Ahem (clears throat). I just been briefed. There are spies. I repeat, THERE ARE SPIES. THEY ARE WATCHING US. Rahab!!! (Calls for her) Rahab!!! I hear you had some guests last night. FOREIGN GUESTS. They're spies. I REPEAT, THEY ARE SPIES. Bring them out!!!

Narrator: But here's the thing, Rahab had done some research on these guys and learned that they were Israelites, THE ISRAELITES. The ones liberated from slavery in Egypt, given Manna in the desert, and given safe passage across the Red Sea—all because of their God,

YHWH. So she decided to do a bold thing, and hid the spies under the stalks of flax in her roof.

Rahab: Yes, this is true, your honor, two men came to me last night. But I don't know where they've come from. Then, at dark, when the gate was about to be shut, they left. I have no idea where they went.

Actually, wait. Do I see something far in the distance, over on Lookout side? Oh, I think that's them over on Creek side! Hurry up! Chase them—you can still catch them!!

Narrator: So the King of Jericho sent men to run down the Jordan road toward the fords. As soon as they were gone, the gate to the city was shut. Rahab returned to her house and climbed up to the roof where the spies were just about to fall asleep for the night and she said:

Rahab: Listen, I know who you are. I know that God has given you the land. We're all afraid. Everyone in the country feels hopeless. We heard how God dried up the waters of the Red Sea. We've heard all the stories about you and your God, the God of the heavens and earth.

So make me a promise. I showed you mercy; now show my family mercy. And give me some tangible proof, a guarantee of life for my father and mother, my brothers and sisters. Save our souls from death!

Spy #1: It's our lives for yours! Pinky swear! (pinky swear)

Spy #2: Just keep things hush hush. When God turns this land over to us, we'll do right by you and keep you and your family safe.

Narrator: So Rahab lowered them down out a window with a rope because her house was on the city wall to the outside. She told them

Rahab: Run for the hills so your pursuers won't find you. Hide out for three days until the king's men give up. Then get on your way.

Spy #1: Ok. Just one thing about this pinky promise—here's what you must do: hang this red rope out the window and gather your entire family with you in your house—father,

mother, brothers, and sisters, everyone. Anyone who goes out the doors of your house into the street and is killed, their fault, not ours.

Spy #2: But for everyone within the house we take full responsibility. If anyone lays a hand on one of them, it's our fault. But if you tell anyone of our secret business here, our pinky swear is broken. No oath. Got it?

Rahab: Ok. If that's what you say, then that's the way it is.

Narrator: So she sent them off and hung the red rope out the window. The spies headed for the hills and stayed there for three days. The pursuers had looked high and low but found nothing, so they headed back to Jericho.

Then the spies came down out of the hills, crossed the river, and returned to Joshua and reported everything.

Spy #1: Yes! It's true! God has given the whole country to us.

Spy #2: Everybody there has melted down in fear because of us.

Thursday -

Disruption Music:

Here Comes the Sun, the Beatles
Eve of Destruction, Barry McGuire
It's the End of the World, R.E.M.
Quarantine, the Flobots

Friday -

Beyonce - Love on Top

There is a distinction between suffering and rejection. Had Jesus only suffered, he might still have been applauded in his day the Messiah. All the sympathy and admiration of the world might have been focused on his (martyrdom) and could have been viewed as a tragedy with its own intrinsic value, dignity, and honor. But at cross, Jesus is a rejected

Messiah. His rejection robs his suffering of its halo of glory. To die on the cross is to die despised and rejected.

~Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*