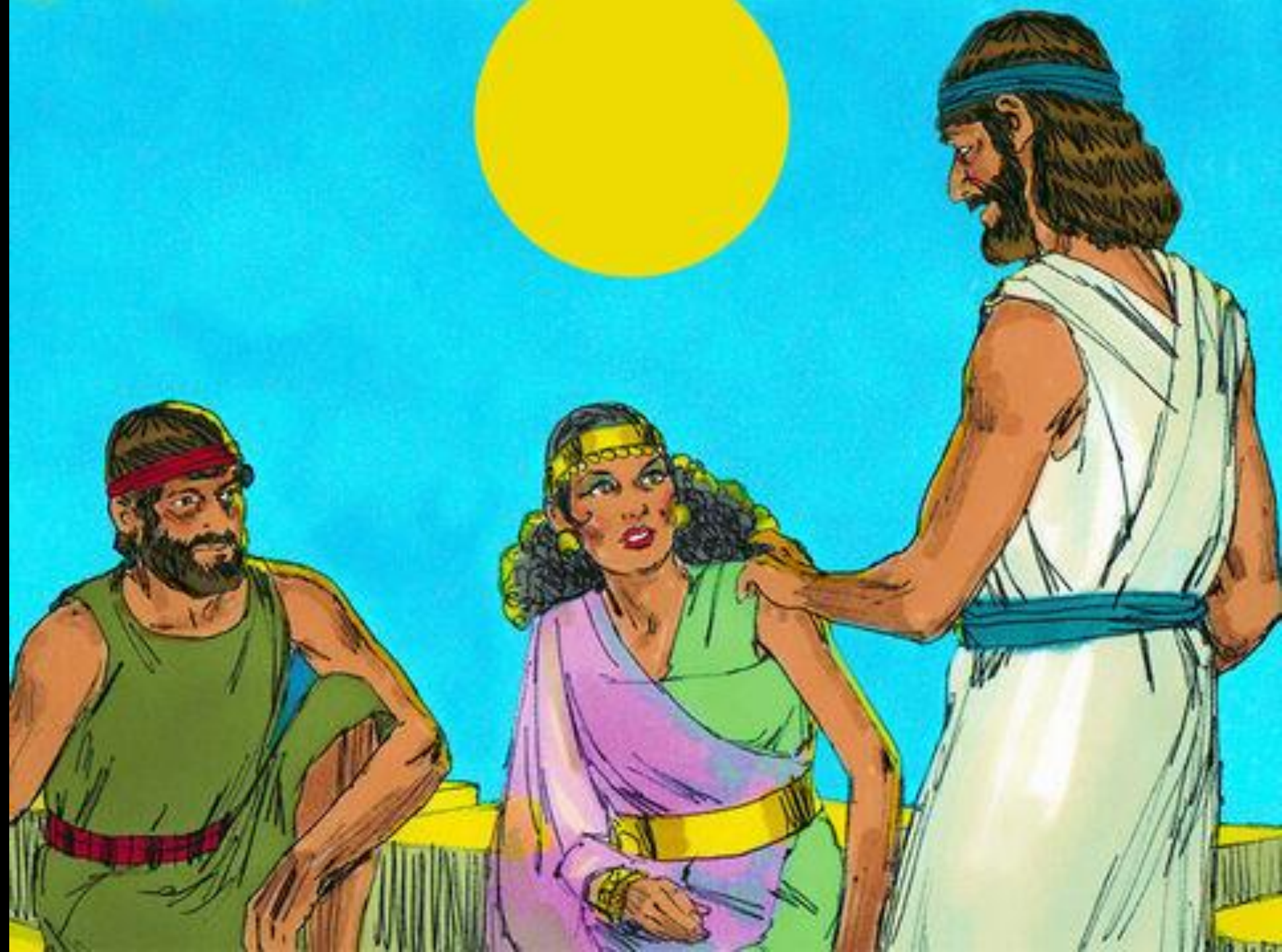




# THE STORY OF MOSES

PART 17 - RAHAB

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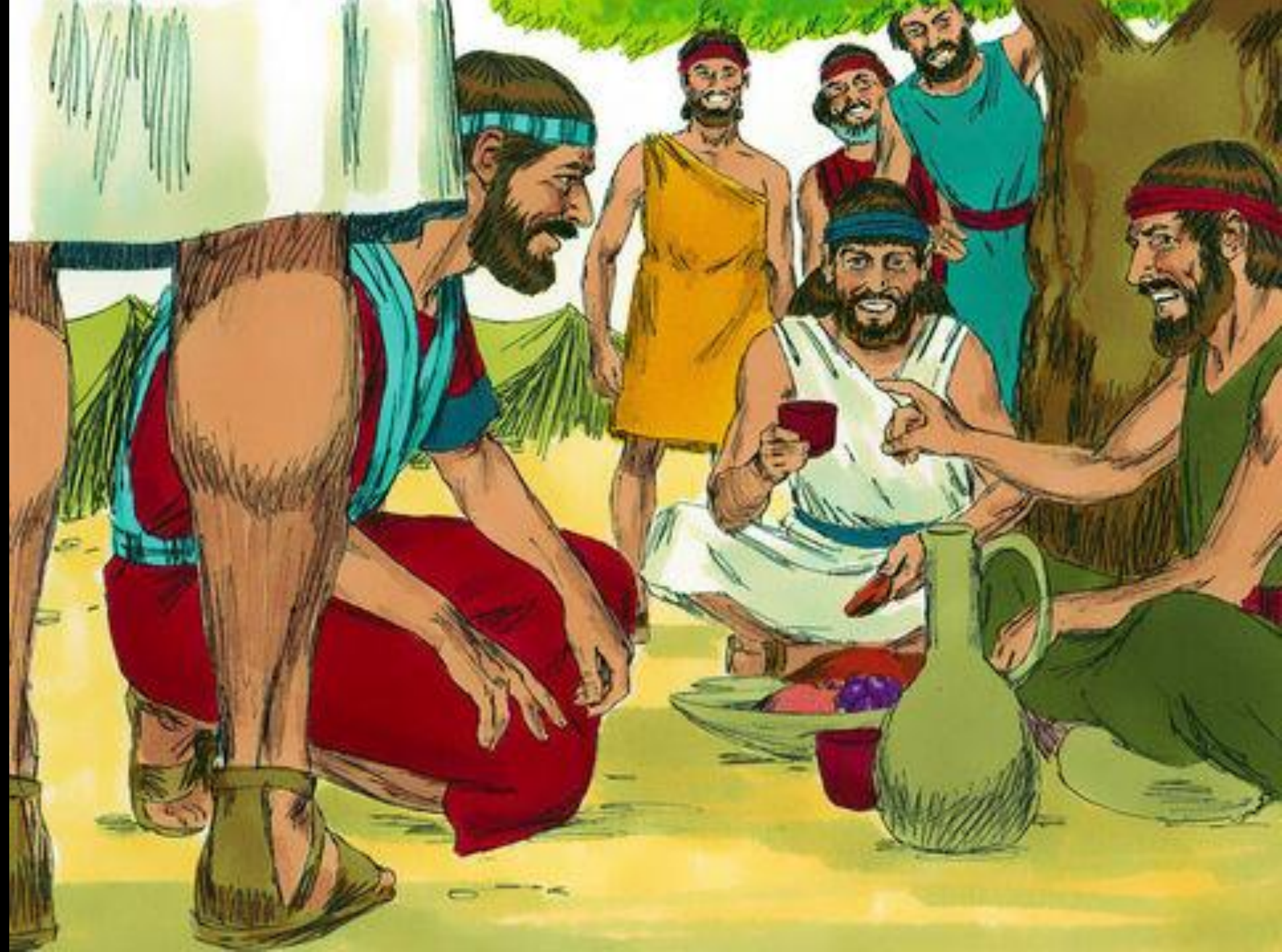








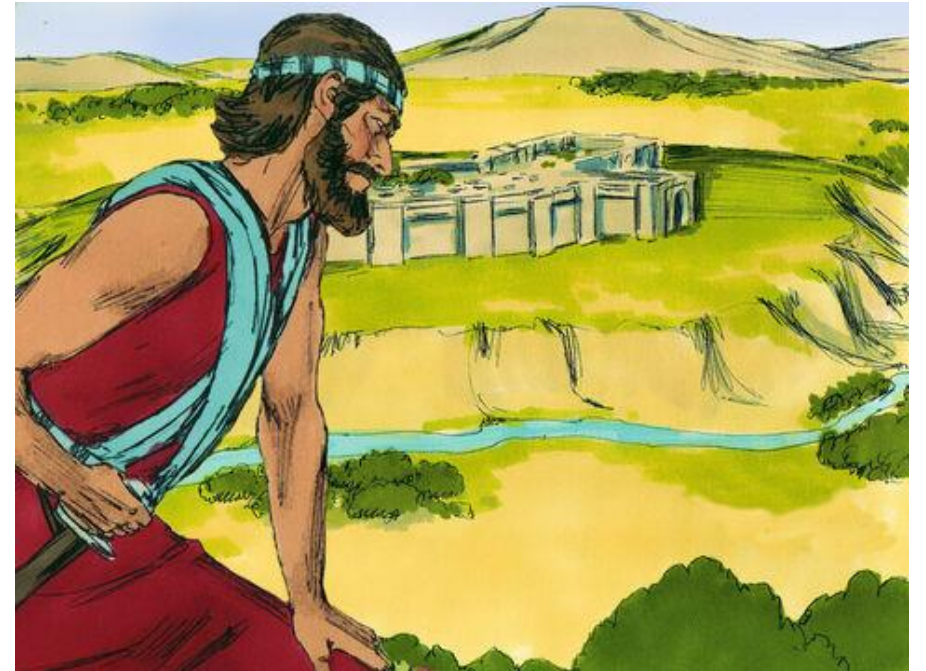






# INTRODUCTION

- Who was Rahab?
- Why is her story so important?





# WHO WAS RAHAB?

- Rahab was a Canaanite prostitute.
- The Canaanites were so evil that God said the land itself would vomit them out (Leviticus 18)
- Nevertheless, God leads the spies to Rahab's house
- Why? God saw Rahab



# WHO WAS RAHAB?

- At risk to her own life, Rahab protects the spies.
- Rahab's confession: *"...for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below"*
- Rahab asks the spies for her life to be spared, along with her family.
- God's command to his people was to totally destroy their enemy, not leaving anything or anyone alive. But the spies agree to spare Rahab and her family.
- Rahab and her family are the only ones in Jericho who are saved.



# WHO WAS RAHAB?

- Rahab is accepted into the family of Israel and marries Salmon son of Nahshon, leader of the tribe of Judah.
- Matthew 1:5 – Rahab is in the genealogy of Jesus
- Rahab is one of only two women mentioned in Hebrews 11, immediately after Moses.
- Rahab, against all the odds, believed in God and put her faith into action and God saw her.

# WHY IS RAHAB'S STORY SO IMPORTANT?

- The Grand Plan
  - God has a plan to save mankind through the death and resurrection of his son Jesus
- The Individual Plan
  - God is the God of the individual
  - Jesus showed love to the individual: Bartimaeus, Samaritan woman at the well, the woman with the issue of blood, Mary Magdalene, Zacchaeus...
- The salvation story is first and foremost about you and God



# WHY IS RAHAB'S STORY SO IMPORTANT?

- But God saw Rahab and showed immeasurable favour to her because of her faith
- We should never think our lives are unimportant to God, that he cannot use us in his grand plan, that we are unworthy of his love.

# WHY IS RAHAB'S STORY SO IMPORTANT?

- Psalm 103:7-12 <sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: <sup>8</sup> The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. <sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse, nor will he harbour his anger forever; <sup>10</sup> he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. <sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; <sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.



# A STORY OF GRACE

- Rahab's story is a story of grace
- Our story matters to God - *“May God's image in me be restored, and my imagination in God be re-storied.”*  
(Lectio 365)
- In God's grand plan, you are seen by God, chosen by God and a vital part of his overall plan for salvation

