

**IronWorks: FORTITUDE**  
**9/30 & 10/5/2022 - Roger Thompson**  
**“Wise as a Serpent”**

**Promise Principle:**

Hear God’s promises through simply reading and reflecting on his Word with a small group of brothers.

- [Bereanmn.com/small-groups](http://Bereanmn.com/small-groups)
- Contact Bob Little—[boblittle@comcast.net](mailto:boblittle@comcast.net)
- This week’s reading: Joshua 2

**FORTITUDE:** strength of mind to encounter danger, or bear pain and adversity with courage.

**Joshua 2:1-7 Rahab, spies, and lies.**

Does truth always triumph in this world? Can I lie “in faith?”

**Rahab**

- Listed with giants of the faith (Heb. 11:31)
- Shows her faith by works (James 2:25)
- The great, great grandmother of David (Matt. 1:5)
- In the genealogical line of Jesus

**FORTITUDE walks wisely in a fallen world.**

- Sin has complicated everything:
  
- As shrewd as a serpent:
  
- Conflicting absolutes:

**FORTITUDE invests in hope because God loves this world.**

- I need to preach the Gospel to myself every day!

- No one is beyond the reach of God's grace.

**Group Discussion:**

1. Who is a person you would never have expected to respond to the Gospel, but now he/she is a member of God's family? (Maybe it's you)

2. Have you ever faced a situation where it was right to conceal the truth? What were the circumstances?

3. Under "normal" circumstances and temptations, how does God provide a way out?