



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 02: Amazing Grace
Suggested Week of Use: June 14, 2026
Core Passage: Joshua 2:4-21

News Story Summary

Chase Johnston was a basketball player from Boca Raton, Florida, who had bounced around during his college years. He began his career at Purdue–Fort Wayne, before transferring to Stetson and then to Florida Gulf Coast. He played his final two years at High Point University in North Carolina. In the 2026 NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament, Johnston solidified his name in High Point lore by hitting a fast-break layup with 11.2 seconds left that helped his underdog team to a victory over the No. 5-seeded Wisconsin Badgers.

If you had read Johnston’s statistics before the game, you wouldn’t have suspected that he would be the hero. In fact, while he had shot well from behind the three-point line, Johnston had missed all four of his two-point field goal attempts heading into that first NCAA Tournament game. But that didn’t stop him from stepping up and making the biggest play for his team when it counted.

For more about this story, search “Chase Johnson High Point Upsets Wisconsin”

Engage

To supplement the Engage activities, write “Unlikely Heroes” on the board. Ask: *What makes someone an underdog or unlikely hero?* Encourage adults to consider some unlikely heroes from books, movies, or sports. Record their responses on the board under “Unlikely Heroes.” After listing a few names, add “Chase Johnston” to the board. Share the information about Johnston from the news story summary. (Note: If possible, show a video of his game-winning shot against Wisconsin.) Point out that the Bible is filled with the stories of unlikely heroes because God likes to use unexpected people to fulfill His plans. Explain that today’s passage focuses on Rahab, a most unlikely hero in God’s redemption story.

Challenge

To supplement the Challenge activities, point back to Chase Johnston’s story. Talk about some reasons that no one would have expected him to be the hero in an NCAA tournament game. Direct the group to list reasons no one would have expected Rahab to be the hero in Joshua 2.

Point out that both Johnstons and Rahab were available and prepared when the moment arrived. Stress that believers often feel unprepared for our next step of faith, yet we know that God uses imperfect people to accomplish His perfect plans. Close in prayer, thanking God for using unlikely heroes, like the adults in your group, to fulfill His purposes in the world.