



Rahab: From Prostitute to Princess
Hebrews 11:31

Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV)

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

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“By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.”

I. The Life She Lived

Joshua 2:1 (NKJV)

Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men to spy secretly, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." So they went, and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab, and lodged there.

John 3:17-18 (NIV)

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

II. The Lord She Loved

Joshua 2:2-7 (NIV)

The king of Jericho was told, "the Israelites have come to spy out the land." So the king sent this message to Rahab: "Bring out the men who came and entered your house, because they have come to spy out the land." But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. She said, "Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from. At dusk, the men left. I don't know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You may catch up with them." (But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax she had laid out on the roof.) So the men set out in pursuit of the spies.

Joshua 2:8-11 (NIV)

Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof and 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. 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.

III. The Legacy She Left

Joshua 2:15-21 (NIV)

So she let them down by a rope through the window, for the house she lived in was part of the city wall. The men said to her, "This oath you made us swear will not be binding on us unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you have brought all your family into your house." "Yes," she said. So she sent them away and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.

James 2:24-26 (ESV)

A person is justified by works and not by faith alone. And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

"True Bible Faith is confident obedience to God's Word in spite of circumstances and consequences. This faith operates quite simply. God speaks and we hear His word. We trust His word and act on it no matter what the circumstances are or what the consequences may be." - Warren Wiersbe