

Reflection Questions: Are there any women in my life with a past who need to know they are loved by God no matter their history? Do I truly believe they are completely forgiven? Do I feel that some of my sins are so terrible they can't be forgiven by God or that I'm unworthy to serve God? What does the story of Rahab tell me about this?

We will probably never face with the circumstances of Rahab, but we do have our own situations in life. Read *Psalms 40:1-3* and *46:1-3*. What problems am I facing now? What choices do I have? How will I express my faith by the way I respond?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

First Rahab heard the Word, then she believed. This belief led to faith, which then led to works. IN the process, she was saved.

Sylvia Charles

Poor Rahab, the muddy, the defiled, became the fountainhead of the River of the Water of Life.

William Mackintosh Mackay

Jesus came to take away the horrible shame of sin and bestow the greatest honor on undeserving sinners? Jesus removed the scarlet letters these women carried around and made them heirs of the Kingdom — daughters of the King!

Jon Bloom

In addition they gave her a sign, that she should hang from her house something scarlet—making it clear that through the blood of the Lord redemption will come to all who believe and hope in God. You see, dear friends, not only faith but prophecy is found in this woman.

Clement of Rome

*The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.*

Fanny Crosby

Our faith can be no stronger than our knowledge of God. If you struggle with weak faith, perhaps it is because you don't know your God as well as you might.

John MacArthur



In the Line of the King: Matthew 1:5; Joshua 2

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Sermon Notes

1. Rahab's Past

2. Rahab's Present

3. Rahab's Promotion

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you?
2. Read *Joshua 2*. Is it possible Rahab didn't truly acknowledge God but instead told the spies what they wanted to hear so they would spare her life? What clues in her behavior point to true faith in action?
3. Read *Deuteronomy 2:24-25; Joshua 2; and Joshua 9:9-11, 24*. What did Rahab, the people of Jericho, and the surrounding nations know about Israel and her God?
4. Why was Rahab willing to help the spies (*Joshua 2:9-11*)?
5. What conclusion did Rahab make about the God of Israel? Could anyone else in Jericho have come to the same conclusion? Explain.
6. Rahab was given an opportunity to make a conscious choice for God based upon the facts she knew about Him, and she responded with faith. Faith resulted in action. What did she do that day with the spies? What risk was she taking?
7. Rahab had to wait between the time when the spies left and the time she was rescued. What might have been Rahab's thoughts and emotions during this time of waiting?
8. How was Rahab's faith rewarded initially (*Joshua 6:17, 22-25*)?
9. How did God ultimately reward Rahab (*Matthew 1:5*)?
10. In what ways does God's blessing of Rahab illustrate His gracious forgiveness? Does God's work in Rahab's case carry an implied promise to us?
11. Read *Hebrews 11:30-31*. Why is Rahab listed here?

If you were writing Hebrews 11, would you have included her? Explain. Who else might you have included?
12. Read *James 2:18-26*. What two examples does James give of active faith?

What does it mean that *man is justified by works and not by faith alone (24)*?

Does this contradict Paul when he says *man is justified by faith apart from works (Romans 3:28)*?
13. Why is Rahab identified as a *harlot* even in the New Testament?
14. If God's grace is able to save Rahab, is there anyone God cannot save?
15. Must sinners clean up their lives before they can be saved? Where does repentance fit into the process? Can you back up your answers with Scripture?