

Twelve Extraordinary Women

Session 3

Rahab – A Horrible Life Redeemed

1. Rahab's Horrible Background – Joshua 2:1

- What does this tell us about Rahab? (*she was a harlot*)
- Why do you think the men stayed in a harlot's house?
(*it would not be unusual to see men coming & going, they were accustomed to being secretive & discreet, location made escape possible, God's direction*)

2. Rahab's Unexpected Act of Kindness – Joshua 2:2-7

- v. 2 – What did the king learn? (*men of Israel had come into the city*)
- v. 3 – What did the king demand? (*turn over the men*)
- v. 4 & 6 – What did Rahab do? (*hid the men*)
- v. 4-5 – How did Rahab answer? (*the men came, but have already left; she didn't know who they were or where they went*)
- Why do you think she did this? _____

3. Rahab's Amazing Expression of Faith – Joshua 2:8-14

- v. 9 – What did she **know**? (*the LORD has given you the land and we are terrified of you*)

- v. 10 – What had they **heard**? (*that the LORD had dried up the waters of the Red Sea and given them victory over two powerful kings on the other side of the Jordan River*)
- v. 11 – How did they **react**? (*their hearts melted; they were terrified*)
- “For the _____ your God, he is _____ in _____ above, and in _____ beneath.”
- v. 12-14 – What agreement did she make with the spies?
(*since I protected you from the king, please protect me and my family when you conquer the city*)
- How does this show her new faith? (*she put her life in the hands of the God of Israel and the men of Israel*)

4. Rahab's Enduring Legacy

- Joshua 6:25 – Where did she live? (*in Israel*)
- Hebrews 11:31 – What was the result of her faith? (*her life was saved; faith resulted in salvation*)
- James 2:25 – What is she an example of? (*faith that is not merely lip service, but **works***)
- Matthew 1:5-6 – Who was her great, great, grandson?
(*King David*)
- Who was her most famous descendant? (*Jesus*)