

Rahab

Josh 2

1. Intro

1. I don't know what Mother's Day means to you?
 1. Is it a good day, one celebrating?
 2. Is it a bad day, one you look upon with regret?
 3. Is it a day you long to be part of?
 4. Is it a day that you really do not want to hear about?
2. Our text deals with a women who, for the most part, probably didn't entertain the thought of motherhood.
3. Yet she is seen in scripture as one of the people listed as having great faith (Heb 11:31)

2. God's Redemption is Limitless

1. Rahab was born outside any chance of redemption;
 1. She was a gentile (outside the covenant people)
 2. She was a prostitute; she lived a life of compromise.
 3. She lived in Jericho, among a people who were going to experience judgment.
 4. Her house is along the wall (15)
 5. Because of her vocation, she would be the one person that anyone could go to without being questioned. (Spies, 1c)
2. What were her prospects at becoming a mother, let alone one who would have significance?
3. She knew something about the people who were coming into her city.
 1. "the Lord(yhwh) has given you the land" (2:9-10)
 1. How did a Canaanite prostitute know (1) God's covenant name(yhwh); (2) the covenant stipulations(given); and (3) their exodus experience?(left Egypt)
 1. From the mouths of her customers? (How old was she?)
 2. Does not her confession of God's power and purpose, and her service for the spies indicate that she knew the people she was part of were doomed for destruction? (11, 13)
 1. There was not only concern for herself, but for her whole family. (12-13))
4. Rahab illustrates a NT text. (Eph 2:11-13)
 1. A people who were not a people, are now brought into God's fold.
 1. Rahab is a fitting illustration of the miracle of divine grace.
 2. She is also an illustration of God calling a people from the Gentile world.
 2. Rahab is in the ancestry line of Jesus (Matt 1:5)
 3. This lady, a woman of ill repute, becomes sanctified and worthy of having her name included among the great saints.(Heb 11:31)

3. Application:

1. Many people today have Jesus on the throne of their lives, yet they have many regrets about their past.
 1. My mothering was not as it should have been.
 2. I did not know of salvation through Jesus when my children were young.
 3. Because of past history many feel that God cannot change their future.
2. Do you think you have been overrun by personal sin that is too difficult to get beyond?
 1. No matter how far from God you strayed, you can be redeemed, and your redemption could affect your

whole household.

2. God can use the lowly, the despised, the abused, to glorify His Kingdom.
 1. If God can use someone like Rahab with that kind of past for the glory of His Kingdom, then there are no limits to whom He can use today.
 2. All of the things in your past and my past are irrelevant once we make that step of responding in faith to God.

4. Conclusion

1. I know Mother's day is hard for some of you
 1. Either because your relationship with your mother isn't the greatest, or maybe because you haven't had your dream of becoming a mother fulfilled.
 2. I find here in Rahab a wonderful example of a woman of faith, and I also find hope in a God who can change things.
 1. Who can forgive and heal wounds from the past, and can turn around and create something beautiful in the present.
2. Our God is a God who can redeem.