

Rahab

Heb 11:31; Josh 2:1-24

1. Intro

1. Rahab was a foreigner to these people coming to surround her, yet she showed a faith that was looking toward the future.
2. She was prepared for present consequences for the sake of future preservation.
3. What was Rahab thinking as Israel circled the city?
 1. Would they save her?
 2. Would they keep their commitment.

4. Rahab - God's Redemption Is Limitless

5. Rahab was born outside any chance of redemption; her circumstances led her to life compromises.
6. She lived in Jericho, a gentile, a prostitute, among a people who were going to experience judgment.
7. She is a cracked vessel
 1. We would most likely not engage her in conversation.
 2. If we met her on the street we would cross to the other side.
 3. We wouldn't even go to her part of town to begin with.
 4. She is a blemish on society.

2. Rahab's Qualities

1. Discernment
 1. She has heard about the feats of Israel and it has instilled fear into her people (9-11)
2. Love
 1. Wants her family spared (13)
 1. Love of the immediate family shows love towards God
3. Assurance
 1. Conditional promise made to her. (14)
4. Hope
 1. Scarlet rope (18; 21)
5. Trust
 1. In the men. Why should she trust any man?
 2. In God. That He will not abandon her.

3. Faith

1. Faith encompasses all this
 1. Even before the men arrive, faith is emerging (9-11)
 2. The deliverance of Rahab and her family depended on believing a promise from God.
2. Faith also acts (James 2:24-26)
 1. She had to make her home known to the Israelites when they attacked (v. 18).
 2. She had to assemble her family into her home before the battle (v.18).
 3. She had to keep the mission of the spies a secret (vv. 20, 14).
3. The salvation of Rahab is an example of what God would have done for others also.
4. The king and the other citizens of Jericho knew all that she knew, but they did not turn to Israel's God for mercy.

4. Application

1. How far do you feel your circumstances or status in life has left you from God?
 1. Is there something in your life that you think prevents you from coming to Him?
2. No matter how far from God you strayed, you can be redeemed
 1. Your redemption could affect your whole household.
3. Rahab's life illustrates the NT text in Ephesians 2: 11-13
4. Many people today have Jesus in their lives, yet they have many regrets about their past.
 1. These regrets may affect how you see God.
 2. These regrets may make you wonder if change in me can really happen.
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5. Conclusion

1. God uses the most interesting people
 1. Rahab goes from the dregs of society to woman of prominence.
 1. Genealogy of Matt (1:5 - wife of Salmon and mother of Boaz)
 2. Hall of Faith (Heb 11:31); Faith and Works (James 2:24-26)
 2. Nothing is too difficult for God.
2. God blesses faithfulness.
 1. If He can do that in Rahab, He can do that in you.