



## Lesson #4: Rahab's Message (Joshua 2)

Rahab is mentioned \_\_\_\_x in the Bible and 6 of those times her name comes with a descriptive noun. It seems that God wants us to think "harlot" when we think about Rahab. That is not an easy fact to face. I imagine that at one point Rahab had given up hope of ever turning her life around. She was trapped in a wicked lifestyle. But God had nother ideas.

Rahab's message is a stunning depiction of the fact that **God can turn \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_ in one shinging moment of \_\_\_\_\_.**

The Biblical record does not give us all the details about Rahab but what we do have paints an amazing picture of redemption. What we do have about Rahab shows us that God wants to use broken people to accomplish His will. Frankly, there is a lot of Rahab in all of us. For us, she is the picture of the power of the Lord Jesus to transform any life that comes to Him by faith.

### GOD KNOWS THE \_\_\_\_\_ THAT YOU ARE IN

Rahab's \_\_\_\_\_. Rahab was a sinner making a living off the evil impulses of others sinners. She was a complete and total mess. Her life really illustrates the mess we are all in on this earth.

#### A. Your spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ is a mess

Rahab is a picture of every person who is lost in sin today. You may not be a harlot, but if you have never trusted in Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, then you are just as \_\_\_\_\_ in sin and desperately need to be born again. If you are outside Christ today, your are in a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ situation.

#### B. Your spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ is a mess

Rahab lived in a city that was slated for \_\_\_\_\_. Her lot in life was one of condemnation. God had already determined that Jericho would fall. I'm sure that the people in the city felt pretty confident and reasonably safe behind the walls of their city, but God had already passed a sentence upon them and they were doomed to destruction. So it is with the sinner today! The lost person may feel secure and may not believe that there is any danger. However, the Bible tells us that the lost are \_\_\_\_\_ already.

### GOD KNOWS THE \_\_\_\_\_ THAT YOU NEED

Rahab's \_\_\_\_\_. Of all the places that the spies could have gone they chose Rahab's house. This was no coincidence; this was an act of God.

#### A. You need to \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word

Rahab had heard about the God of Israel.

- V. 10 tells us that God's message had been \_\_\_\_\_ to her.
- V. 11 tells us how Rahab expresses the outcome of this \_\_\_\_\_ she now possessed.

Rahab heard the report and she feared God. But it was this fear that drove her to a right knowledge for after all "*the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom*" (Proverbs 9:10).

#### B. You need to \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word

But not only did Rahab hear the Word, she went ahead and did something about it as well. She wasn't just hearing this message, she was allowing this message to \_\_\_\_\_ her life. This is exactly what happens in th elives of those who come to Christ. When they hear the message they \_\_\_\_\_ on that message.

### GOD HAS A \_\_\_\_\_ FOR YOU TO DELIVER

Rahab's \_\_\_\_\_. After she came to faith in God, her life was changed! If there is proof that God is no respecter of persons Rahab is that proof.

#### A. Those who have been delivered \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord

As we have noted, one of the surest proofs that Rahab was genuinely converted is the fact that she involved herself in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord. Men may throw away broken things, but God never does!

#### B. Those who have been delivered \_\_\_\_\_ the Lost

Notice that in this passage Rahab is concerned about others in her family who are in danger as well (2:12-13). Rahab knows that God will take care of her and she wants the same \_\_\_\_\_ for her family who are in danger as well. Her heart is moved to reach out for \_\_\_\_\_ for them.

#### C. Those who have been delivered have a \_\_\_\_\_

Because Rahab placed her faith in God, she obtained precious possessions. As we do a brief Bible survey we discover something quite moving. Many first time Bible readers are surprised to learn that the NT beings with Jesus' genealogy (Matthew 1:1-16). They are even more surprised when \_\_\_\_\_ shows up in that list. Think about that. A gentile Harlot is included in the genealogy of Christ. Rahab is proof positive that no matter what you've done in the past, Jesus can \_\_\_\_\_ you.

### Concluding Thoughts

Rahab's story is one of an incredible turnaround. The story teaches us that no one is beyond the reach of God's \_\_\_\_\_. Even in the midst of judgement, God reaches out and saves a harlot who turns to him in faith.