



Women of the Bible

Rahab – Harlot or Hero?

Lesson 3

Harlot or Hero doesn't seem like much of a choice! Rahab's story is one of both redemption and hope for anyone who wants the courage to change the course of their life. To all in Jericho she was known as the harlot or town prostitute. But that all changed the day she helped the Israelite spies escape captivity. She knew of their God and His power and she chose to turn and stand with His people. Today, Rahab is a heroine for all believers! Her extraordinary example is recorded in the Bible and stands as a testimony of courage in the face of fear. It has well been said that bravery is not the absence of fear but doing what is right in spite of that fear. That is Rahab's story and one that will be remembered throughout all eternity.

Open your Bible and begin with a word of prayer

This Week's Scripture: Joshua 2:8-13

⁸Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof, ⁹and said to the men: "I know that the Lord has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you. ¹⁰For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. ¹¹And as soon as we heard these things, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for the Lord your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath. ¹²Now therefore, I beg you, swear to me by the Lord, since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness to my father's house, and give me a true token, ¹³and spare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death." (Should you want further information regarding Rahab, please read Joshua chapters 2 & 6)

This Week's Memory Verse:

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9(NKJV)

1. One of the most interesting people in the Bible is Rahab. Known as a harlot, one could say that her future looked very bleak. But God is in the business of redeeming everyone. His desire is that we all have fruitful and productive lives. What do these two verses tell us about our new life in Christ?

a. 2 Corinthians 5:17: _____

b. Galatians 5:1: _____

2. Rahab didn't have to save the two spies, but she did, and that took courage. What does Rahab say about the Israelite God in this week's scripture that gave her the resolve to do what she did? _____

3. Trusting in the God of Israel helped Rahab do what she knew to be right. List four encouragements that Proverbs 3:5-6 provides us in times of difficulty.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

