

Rahab Character Study

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- Prostitute/Heroes of faith - paradoxical not easy digest
- Context- Joshua 2 and 6

Joshua 2:1-14

Moses died. Joshua was chosen to lead Israelites to promised land. Joshua sent 2 spies to check out Jericho. They went to Rahab's house and protected them. King of Jericho gets the info. He sends people to kill??. Rahab hides them. Rahab understood the power of God. Josh 2:11 . She prophesizes her faith. Made these spies promise them that they would spare her family.

Characteristics

1. Smart- Hide spies, Escape route

2. Bold- To act justly. She could have got killed for hiding. She took a risk.

3. Family oriented (kind and compassionate)- She wanted God to spare her family. Josh 6:25 But Rahab the prostitute and her father's household and all who belonged to her, Joshua saved alive.

4. Good mother- mother of Boaz, who married Ruth who turns out be righteous and considerate

5. Patient - she knew that Jericho was going to get conquered.

6. Confident- that God would spare her. She could have fled with her family.

7. Obedient - Josh 6:17. They must be in the house. Tied the scarlet robe in the window. She was spared because she obeyed God.

8. Faith - She never saw Gods miracles. She only heard. She was raised in a pagan environment. Josh 2: 9 I know that the LORD has given you the land, 11b- for the LORD your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. She declares her faith.

Romans 10:9- If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Math 10 32-33- So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, 33 but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Once she declares her faith, every decision she makes is changed. She is bold and willing to take risks

9. She put her faith into action- James 2:24-25 - You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone. In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction.

Some questions to think about

Are we putting our faith into action?

When was the last time we took risks?

Are you ready to stand up for your faith?

Do we have faith like Rahab?

Are you willing to bear fruit for his kingdom? Doing things that he has called us to do? How strong is

your faith?

Faith is demonstrated by your action not by your discussion. It is demonstrated by your walk not by your talk.

Results of her faith?

Family got saved, Hall of fame(Hebrews 11:31) Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Rahab, Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David and Samuel., Lineage Matthew

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She is the great-great-grandmother of David. Family line of Jesus.

What is the inference?

1. Perfect testimony that our sin no longer defines us. If he can use a prostitute he can use anyone.

2. Put your faith into action.- Abraham Marthoma - Every marthomite is an evangelist/missionary.

He only wants to repent and ask him for guidance. Minute we accept him he doesn't see our past. Gods

love supersedes everything. Once we are saved, we have the potential to do anything. He can use you in

any way he wants. You just have to show up. Ready to act. He can put you in his lineage.

Revelation 3:15-16 I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

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