

## Out of this World 'Real Life' Stories

The Bible features numerous stories where individuals who made significant mistakes or engaged in wrongdoing were eventually redeemed. These stories illustrate God's willingness to forgive and restore even those who have fallen far from grace. Some notable examples include David, Rahab, Zacchaeus, and Saul/Paul.

**David:** David, later known as the great king of Israel, committed adultery with Bathsheba and murdered her husband, Uriah. However, after humbling himself and acknowledging his sin, God forgave David and restored him to his position as king.

**Rahab:** Rahab was a prostitute who lived in Jericho and protected the Israelite spies who were sent to investigate the city. While her profession was not considered virtuous by some, God honored her faith and spared her and her family when Jericho was destroyed.

**Zacchaeus:** Zacchaeus, a tax collector, was known for his greed and dishonesty. When Jesus sought him out, Zacchaeus had a transformative experience, repenting of his wrongdoings and promising to make restitution for his past injustices.

**Saul/Paul:** Saul, who later became the apostle Paul, was initially a persecutor of Christians. After a dramatic conversion experience on the road to Damascus, Paul became a powerful leader of the early church, dedicating his life to spreading the Gospel.

## Discussion Questions

### Former Crooked Cop (video 1)

1. Share two highlights of this video that reflect God's redemption and restoration.
2. In what ways do you identify with this 'real life story'?

### Pregnant at 13 (video 2)

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