

Perspective Impacts Us Bible Study 4: “Interconnection & Social Rejection”

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First Things First:

- Although people tend to think of prostitutes and/or professional mistresses as persons who need to be rejected by society, they are often the only people who consistently get exposed to different types of people
- The word translated as “harlot” or “prostitute” in verse 1 simply means a woman who fornicates
- Some historians described Rahab as more of an innkeeper¹

1. Why do you think women who run their own business were often looked down upon for doing so?

2. Do you think churches and other non-profits should accept financial support from people and/or organizations with shady pasts and/or ties? Why or why not?

Let’s Get After It:

3. Now that we’ve read the lesson, what are your first impressions of the text?

4. Why do you think both the Jewish spies and the King’s men sought out Rahab for information?

¹ According to the Faithlife Study Bible, the Jewish Historian Josephus used this “innkeeper” description for her

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5. What if anything lets you know that Rahab suspected she and her family could have a better life with God and God’s people than the life they had in Jericho?

6. How are the conditions the Jewish spies are given for keeping their oath to Rahab similar to pledges that people make when they become members of a local church or church ministry/organization?

7. What kinds of things should we be showing the world if we want them to know that we are committed to God and those whom God loves?
