

## Sister Mantra

There is nothing too hard for God!

I am a daughter of the King!

God has great plans for me!

I will make every effort to live as a  
Christian should.

I will strive to inspire and encourage my  
sisters to do the same.

RAHAB:  
THE LORD CAN USE YOU  
**FAITH OVER FEAR**

QUESTION:

DO YOU THINK PEOPLE CAN CHANGE?



## FACTS ABOUT RAHAB

- Rahab was a prostitute.
- Her name in Hebrew means “He enlarges” or “He widens”
- Rahab was mentioned by name in the genealogy of Christ.
- She married an Israelite named Salmon and had a son named Boaz. **Who was Boaz wife?**
- She and Sarah are the only two women named in the Hebrew ll on examples of obedient faith.

# UNWELCOMED VISITORS

JOSHUA 2:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two spies from Shittim. “Go, look over the land,” he said, “especially Jericho.” So they went and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there.<sup>2</sup> The king of Jericho was told, “Look, some of the Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land.”<sup>3</sup> So the king of Jericho sent this message to Rahab: “Bring out the men who came to you and entered your house, because they have come to spy out the whole land.”<sup>4</sup> But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. She said, “Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from.”<sup>5</sup> At dusk, when it was time to close the city gate, they left. I don’t know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You may catch up with them.”<sup>6</sup> (But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax she had laid out on the roof.)<sup>7</sup> So the men set out in pursuit of the spies on the road that leads to the fords of the Jordan, and as soon as the pursuers had gone out, the gate was shut.

# RAHAB MAKES A COVENANT

JOSHUA 2:9-16

<sup>9</sup> and said to them, “I know that the Lord has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. <sup>10</sup> 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 Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. <sup>11</sup> When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone’s courage failed because of you, for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below. <sup>12</sup> “Now then, please swear to me by the Lord that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign <sup>13</sup> that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them—and that you will save us from death.” <sup>14</sup> “Our lives for your lives!” the men assured her. “If you don’t tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully when the Lord gives us the land.” <sup>15</sup> So she let them down by a rope through the window, for the house she lived in was part of the city wall. <sup>16</sup> She said to them, “Go to the hills so the pursuers will not find you. Hide yourselves there three days until they return, and then go on your way.”

## THE SIGN

### JOSHUA 2:17-23

<sup>17</sup> Now the men had said to her, “This oath you made us swear will not be binding on us <sup>18</sup> unless, when we enter the land, **you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down**, and unless you have brought your father and mother, your brothers and all your family into your house. <sup>19</sup> If any of them go outside your house into the street, their blood will be on their own heads; we will not be responsible. As for those who are in the house with you, their blood will be on our head if a hand is laid on them. <sup>20</sup> But if you tell what we are doing, we will be released from the oath you made us swear.” <sup>22</sup> Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, “Go into the prostitute’s house and bring her out and all who belong to her, in accordance with your oath to her.” <sup>23</sup> So the young men who had done the spying went in and brought out Rahab, her father and mother, her brothers and sisters and all who belonged to her. They brought out her entire family and put them in a place outside the camp of Israel.



# THE DELIVERANCE

## JOSHUA 6:17 AND 22-23

<sup>17</sup> The city and all that is in it are to be devoted to the Lord. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall be spared, because she hid the spies we sent.

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## LESSONS FROM RAHAB

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- Allow the fear of the Lord to be greater than the fear of man. **Faith over Fear**
- Trust that God always keeps His word, and He always has a plan.

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12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.



PHILIPPIANS  
3:12-14

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<sup>25</sup> 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? <sup>26</sup> As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

JAMES  
2:25-26

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**Proverbs 3:5-6**

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

**Titus 3:8**

8 This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

**PROVERBS  
3:5-6  
&  
TITUS 3:8**

# LET'S SUMMARIZE

**Though she is usually referred to as Rahab the harlot or prostitute, she didn't remain a harlot. She left being a harlot behind and lived in accordance with the laws God gave Israel.**

**Rahab's faith saved herself and her family. Her faith helped her to change from being a woman of the night, to being a woman of the light.**

QUESTIONS / COMMENTS