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Joshua 2:8-11

“Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof 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. 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. 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.”

Rahab is probably the most unlikely of persons that you would expect to make it in the Bible let alone to be used by God for mighty works.

She was a Canaanite.

A woman.

A prostitute.

Living in a city marked for destruction.

By every human standard, Rahab was disqualified before she ever spoke a word. Yet Scripture tells a different story—one where God delights in choosing the unexpected and redeeming what others would reject.

Rahab's story unfolds in Joshua 2, when two Israelite spies enter Jericho. Rahab hides them, risks her life to protect them, and makes a bold confession of faith:

“For the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below” (Joshua 2:11).

This wasn't shallow belief or convenient religion. Rahab acted on what she believed. Her faith moved her to courage, obedience, and trust in a God she had only heard about. And God honored that faith—not just by sparing her life, but by weaving her into His redemptive plan.

Rahab was rescued when Jericho fell (Joshua 6:22–25). But her story didn’t end with survival. She married. She had a son named Boaz—who would later marry Ruth. And generations later, Rahab’s name appears in the genealogy of Jesus Himself (Matthew 1:5).

Let that settle in.

A woman once defined by her past became part of the lineage of the Savior of the world.

Rahab’s story reminds us that God does not choose people based on reputation, résumé, or religious background. He looks at the heart. He responds to faith. He redeems what seems broken and uses it for His glory.

So often we disqualify ourselves by thinking that we’ve done too much or that we are too far gone. We convince ourselves that God couldn’t possibly use us. Rahab stands as a living contradiction to those lies. Her life declares that no past is too stained, no label too permanent, and no person too far gone for the grace of God.

God didn’t just save Rahab from destruction—He chose to use her for His purposes.

And if He can do that with Rahab, He can do that with us.

READ:

Joshua 2; Joshua 6:22-25

Hebrews 11:31

1 Corinthians 1:27-29

Ephesians 2:4-10

REFLECT:

- How does Rahab's story reshape your understanding of grace?
- Where have you believed the lie that your past disqualifies you from God's purposes?
- What step of faith might God be inviting you to take, even if it feels risky?
- Will you commit to taking those steps of faith this week?

PRAYER:

Father God, Thank You for being a God of mercy and redemption. Thank You that You do not see me as the world sees me. Thank you for Your grace and forgiveness. Lord, help me to believe that I am not disqualified by my mistakes. Give me the courage to step out in faith, even when it feels scary or uncomfortable. Teach me to trust You fully and to swiftly act in obedience when You call me. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.