

## **Life Ever After- Can God Use Me?**

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Text: Joshua 2 (The Story of Rahab the Harlot)

People who are in the junk business will take what other people think is junk, and find value in it. What many people throw away, other people find value in. There is someone else that will take what others call junk and what others throw away, and see the value in it. His name is Jesus.

Usually when you hear her name, it is Rahab the Harlot. She was known by her past. She sold sex. There is no better person that shows that it is never too late for God to use you.

### **Joshua 2**

- 1. The spies travel to Jericho. (Joshua 2:15)** Joshua is about to take Jericho and place it under the rule of Israel. We are told that Rahab's house was embedded into the city walls. The two spies went to Rahab's house, and she took them in, but the reason she did was found in Joshua 2:8-10.
- 2. She takes them in.** She hides them. When the men of the city came looking she lied and said she didn't know where they were. This is a lady that you wouldn't want in your neighborhood or your kids to be around, and she makes a strong stand because of the word that she has heard.
- 3. She makes a covenant with the spies. (Joshua 2:12-13)** As they are getting ready to leave town, she made him promise that when they came to take the city that she and her family would be saved.
- 4. The good report to Joshua. (Joshua 2:24)** They reported to Joshua that the people were faint hearted because of them.

### **Encounter with Rahab**

- The only house they went to was Rahab's.
- Everything they needed to know about the city she told them.
- The men of the city were hanging out at Rahab's house.
- She knew all the secrets of the men.

***Sometimes the reason that we cannot be used by God, or we are faint hearted, is because we know that someone has the goods on us. When the men of the city had learned that the spies were at Rahab's house, they knew that she had the goods on them. They were running scared.***

### **Rahab Makes a Deal with the Spies**

- She wanted to cut a deal because she took a risk to choose God's people over her own people.
- She wanted a promise, and she was confessing that she was willing to take a risk.

**We have people that have great vision from God, but as long as you don't share the vision, you are accountable to no one for what it says. There are a lot of visions on the wilderness side of the Jordan, but if you want to go to the Promised Land, it starts by sharing the vision. When you share the vision, and confess the vision, then:**

- a) You are acknowledging that you know that God has spoken.
- b) You cannot go back and act like God has not spoken.
- c) It holds you accountable for what the vision says.

**Romans 1:16-** Paul said, I am not ashamed of the gospel!

**How important is confession?**

- If you will believe and confess (Romans 10:9-10)
- If you believe (John 3:16)
- If you confess me before men (March 10:32-33)

**Confession is your public identification with God.**

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

**Grace**

- **2 Corinthians 9:8-** God has all the grace that we need. The supply of God's grace is unlimited.
- Grace is all that He has supplied for all that he wants you to do and be, and we don't get grace until we step out in faith.
- If there is enough grace for Rahab to be mentioned in the New Testament, there is enough grace for you and me.

**Take a \$100 bill. Crumble it up. Step on it. Spit on it. Tear it in half. But all you need is tape. If you tape it back together, you can still spend it.**

No matter how messed up you are, God has a Solomon waiting for you to take your past and all. He still has a place for you in his book.

**No matter how messed up you are, God will still take you in to his family.**