

SEPTEMBER 2021

Word for Women

The Women of Jesus' Family Tree (Part 2/5) - RAHAB

WEEK 1

Day 1: Read Joshua 2:1-24, Joshua 6:17, 22-23, 25. At the conclusion of your reading, ask God to teach you more about Him this month through the study of Rahab.

Day 2: Read Joshua 2:1-24, Matthew 1:5. This time, as you read, list all the characters. Who is the woman in the story? Do we see her in Matthew's genealogy of Christ? How is she described? What does the text teach us about her? How did she help the spies? What did she ask for? Keep this list handy throughout the study.

Day 3: Read Joshua 2:1-24. Ask God to show you anything you may have missed. After reading, begin journaling on a new sheet of paper. Who are you? How would people describe you? This may seem an odd practice, but we will revisit this paper. Keep it safe with the one you made about Rahab and her story yesterday.

Day 4: Read Ephesians 2:1-10. Consider what kind of people you feel are most qualified to do the work of God. Does what you recorded about Rahab a few days ago align with any of these qualities you feel are important or visible in someone God uses? Our text today reminds us we were all sinners before we came to Christ. Thank God today for rescuing you from your sin.

Day 5: Read Ephesians 2:1-10. Not only was Rahab dead in sin before declaring her faith in God, so were you. We've flipped from the Old Testament to the New Testament these last two days because it's important to understand that you can be used of God just like Rahab. Have you ever shared your testimony of coming to Christ? Who could you share with today?

WEEK 2

Day 1: Read Joshua 2:1-24, Joshua 6:17, 22-23, 25. Consider the spies. Scripture does not tell us how they knew to find Rahab who would aid them. What we do know, however, is that they encountered a woman full of faith simply because of the stories she heard about the Lord. No stranger who meets you likely knows you are a believer upon first seeing your face, but what will they learn about you when you speak? Are you a person who is eager to share with others how God has loved and saved you? If not, please spend time this week praying for boldness and opportunity to share about God. If you pray for both, He will absolutely provide. (Matthew 21:22)

Day 2: Read Joshua 2:1-24, Joshua 6:17, 22-23, 25. Did you notice in the text that Rahab was approached by her own king? He wanted her to tell him exactly where these spies had gone, but she refused to give them up. Her fear of God and proclamation of faith in Him propelled her to choose honoring Him over her own earthly authority, this king. Does your faith propel a fear of God that outshines your fear of man? In what ways have you stood up for Christ against the kingdom of this culture? Pray for boldness.

Day 3: Read 1 Samuel 16:7. Our passage today tells us that mankind looks at outward appearances, but God looks at the heart. The spies may have not known if they could truly trust Rahab, but God did. Why? Because God knows our hearts. Revisit the paper you made last week outlining who you are. Do you describe characteristics of the heart? God sees our hearts. What is on your heart you can share with Him today?

Day 4: Read 1 Samuel 16:7. Rahab's line of work likely caused her to be preceded by her reputation. Her work was contrary to God's design for sex and like all sin, broke the heart of God. As we close this week, consider who you were before you came to Christ and thank God for changing you.

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WEEK 3

Day 1: Read 1 Samuel 16:7. Like so many who have never known God, Rahab likely didn't know what was right and God-honoring. All she knew was what seemed culturally normal to her and in this case, what was culturally normal was sin. It was through the stories of God's power and might she came to believe in Him and it would take time and being in the culture of God's people for her to learn more about sin. What is your attitude toward "baby" Christians learning to outgrow their sin and into following our holy and righteous God? Do you disciple any new believers? Pray and ask God today if that's something you should do.

Day 2: Read 1 Samuel 16:7. As a believer, do you look upon the unsaved caught in sin as abhorrent or lost? Pray and ask God to give you grace for those who are "dead in their sin" (Ephesians 2:1-2). Ask God to help you lead them toward Him through love and to never forget who you were when you too were still dead in sin.

Day 3: Read James 2:14-26. Rahab was allowed to live because she protected and hid the spies. This was a bold action she took as a new convert of the Lord Almighty. We know works don't lead to salvation, but what does James say about works in today's Scripture?

Day 4: Read James 2:14-16. Did you happen to catch someone we've been studying named in the text? Rahab! What didn't lead Rahab to faith? Hiding the spies. That was an action she took that was the fruit of her faith. As a believer are you walking in complacency despite the salvation you've been given or are you actively working to broadcast your faith through good works? We must not be complacent in our agency to the Kingdom of God. How can you walk in the fruit of your faith today? What can you do to give evidence for the hope you hold?

WEEK 4

Day 1: Read Joshua 2:1-24, Joshua 6:17, 22-23, 25. Revisit Rahab's story today. What did Rahab ask the spies to do for her family? What did the spies say would be required of her family for this request to be fulfilled? Rahab is bold in taking her request to the spies and then obedient to follow their instructions. Are you, like Rahab, a woman who prays boldly for your family's salvation and is obedient to what it takes to lead them toward salvation?

Day 2: Read Joshua 2:1-24, Joshua 6:17, 22-23, 25 In Scripture we don't learn anything about Rahab and Salman. We don't know how they met, what the temperance of their marriage was like or their other children. Yet, we do know this woman. She's mentioned in Joshua, in Matthew, in James, and in a place, we haven't yet looked but will turn to tomorrow, Hebrews. Today, pray and thank God for Rahab. Thank God for using women (and men!) who come from all sorts of backgrounds to further His work.

Day 3: Read Hebrews 11:31. Hebrews 11 is referred to as the "Hall of Faith." Most of the titans in the Bible show up here. Noah, Abraham, Moses and... Rahab! Do you remember the list we made the first week? In this list you were asked to describe Rahab and then yourself. Pull your list back out that describes you. In the list did you write "a woman of faith" or "a woman known for faith?" After studying Rahab, is that who you want to be? Add this to your list now if you didn't when we began.

Day 4: Read Hebrews 11:31, Joshua 2:1-24, Joshua 6:17, 22-23, 25. Rahab's actions reflected her faith. She was bold. She feared God more than her culture. Ask God to make you a woman like Rahab both full of faith and unafraid of pushback in our culture. Reread her story. Just like God used women of faith to work out His plan of salvation, so does He still use women of faith, like you, to build His Kingdom through leading others to salvation.



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