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GOOD NEWS MINISTRIES

Sends their greeting and thanks for the Missions Team that recently visited their city and country (Ecuador). They are extremely thankful for the encouragement!



EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY & SYRIA

The death toll from this disaster exceeds 30,000 and tens of thousands more have been injured or displaced. PRAY:

- 1. Pray that food, water, shelter, and medical assistance be provided for quickly.
- 2. Pray for the special volunteers that are needed to bring healing to this crisis.
- 3. Pray for God to comfort those that have lost family members and friends.

CONTINUE TO GROW IN FAITH...

Keep reading the devotional by Max Lucado: God is With You Every Day. You will be nurtured and uplifted.



6 Lies the devil uses to to condemn you

- 1. Jesus can't use you if you have a weakness.
- 2. You should give up if you constantly struggle with sin.
- 3. God's promises are for other people—not you.
- 4. God is always mad at you.
- 5. Your past mistakes disqualified you.
- 6. You have committed the unpardonable sin.

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Prayer REQUESTS

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Art B. » Healtl	n Issues	Samantha B. » Health Issues
Armando » Back Issues		Christine P. » Bone Cancer
Jean G. » Health Issues		Howard P. » Cancer
Carlos V. » Leukemia		Bob A. Healing/Kidney
Karla D. » Cancer Recovery		Evelyn K. » Serious Illness
Mandy W. » Cancer		Hudson » Bronchitis
Maggie B. » C	hemotherapy	
Merle » Health	Issues _	
Carlos V. » He	alth Issues	
Angie & Family	/ » Life Issues	
Kensey Dunlap	» Broken Back	
George I. » Ho	spitalized –	

METRICS THAT MATTER (02/12/23)

ATTENDANCE ➤ 34 GIVING ➤ \$1,022 GUESTS ➤ 0 VOLUNTEERS ➤ 15 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ➤ 0



Know Your Roots / The Rahab Story



PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS

Rahab was not a likely candidate for a hero of the faith. She was a prostitute in a corrupt, pagan city that was under God's condemnation. Spiritually, Rahab was not in an ideal circumstance to come to faith in God. However, Rahab had heard that Israelites were God's chosen people. Her actions to save the spies and align with God's people saved her and her family.



JOSHUA 2:9-13



CONFRONTING OUR FAMILIAR PATTERNS

[When history attempts to hold us hostage]

Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was built into the city wall, so that she lived in the wall. Joshua 2:15

Behold, when we come into the land, you shall tie this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and you shall gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your father's household. Joshua 2:18

And the city and all that is within it shall be devoted to the Lord for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent. Joshua 6:17

But Rahab the prostitute and her father's household and all who belonged to her, Joshua saved alive. And she has lived in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho. Joshua 6:25

IF WE DON'T CONFRONT OUR PATTERNS, THEY WILL MULTIPLY IN OUR FAMILIES.

RAHAB SET A NEW TONE

1 RAHAB BECAME A WOMAN OF FAITH

She believed the reports of Yahweh giving victory to the Israelites and she knew the destruction of her city was days away.

2 RAHAB DEMONSTRATED RISKY HOSPITALITY

She risked her life and the life of her family to conceal and protect the spies that were sent.

THE SPIES DEMONSTRATED RECIPROCAL APPRECIATION

They made a covenant to spare her and her family when they attacked the city.

RAHAB DISPLAYED EXACT
OBEDIENCE TO A SMALL MATTER

She hung the same red rope from the same window again.

THE RED ROPE WAS BOTH HISTORIC AND PROPHETIC

It referred to the blood on the door post in Exodus. It was a type of the saving blood of Jesus.

By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient. Hebrews 11:31

And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute **justified by works** when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? **James 2:25**