Rahab's Faith

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INTRODUCTION

- Out of all the people that we can read about in the Bible, this person, Rahab the harlot, may be the person who makes us feel the most uncomfortable.
- Rahab is also described as someone who rose above her immoral lifestyle, and she became a mighty servant of God.
- How in the world does a harlot or a prostitute become a believer in God and develop a faith that is commended by the Holy Spirit over and over again.

1 Her Faith Wasn't Blind; It Was Based on Evidence

Joshua 2:8–13; Luke 1:1–4; John 20:30–31

- It was a faith based on evidence. It was a faith based on verifiable facts.
- I know that the Lord has given you the land, and that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land have melted away before you.
- For the Lord your God, he is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.
- Rahab came to believe in the one true God because of the evidence.
- Just like in the case of Rahab, God also wants us to have faith that is based on evidence.
- God wants us to develop a faith that comes from carefully examining the evidence.

2 Not a Belief Only Faith, but an Active Faith

Hebrews 11:31; James 2:25–26; Joshua 2:14–21

- It wasn't a dead faith, instead, it was an active faith.
- Rahab believed in God, and she welcomed, she did something. She welcomed the spies in peace.
- She still had to obey the specific instructions that were given to her by the spies.
- She had to tie a scarlet cord in her window, and she also had to gather her family together in her house.
- Her active faith leads to her salvation, and she teaches us that real faith, genuine faith, authentic faith in God is a faith that does something.
- The Bible doesn't do us any good if we don't obey it.

3 Her Faith Wasn't Dependent on Others

- The reason why God is wiping out these people is because they're wicked.
- But Rahab was different. She was different than the people in her culture in society.
- Instead of continuing to believe in the false gods of her culture in society, she made a choice to believe in the one true God.
- She chose to be different. She chose to have a faith of her own.

- If Rahab could develop a real and genuine faith in God in the heathen city of Jericho, then guess what? We can do that right here in Orlando.

THE CHALLENGE

Do you need to follow in the footsteps of Rahab and accept God's grace on his terms?

MY NOTES