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My Year End RESOLUTION

LEARNING TO FINISH WITH GRATITUDE AND FAITHFULNESS







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WEEK SIX The Resolute Redeemer Part 2 Joshua 2:1-24, 6:20-27



HIDDEN FAITH

Every born-again believer is redeemed because of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The believer has also been given the opportunity to function as one who is a redeemer of the promises of the Lord. In the book of Joshua the history of the Children of Israel redeeming the promised land of Canaan is recorded. Within that saga is hidden an **unexpected** character from whom we can all be inspired to be resolute in redeeming the promises of the Lord.

After Joshua officially replaced Moses, he acted on God's commands by sending spies into the fortified city of Jericho (Joshua 2:1). Somehow the King of Jericho was made aware of their presence at the house of a prostitute named Rahab. When guards were sent to capture them Rahab said,

"Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from. It came about when it was time to shut the gate at dark, that the men went out; I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them." (Joshua 2:4-5).

Rahab had hidden the spies and **lied** to protect them.

ENOUGH SAID

She explained to the spies that all of Jericho had heard of the power of their God (Joshua 2:8-11). She knew that time was running out for the city and had made up her mind that she was not down with it. Rahab did more than talk about what she had heard. She <u>acted</u> on it. All she had to go on was what she had heard about God. But that was more than enough! With a firm determination, she placed her faith in God and <u>aligned</u> herself with God rather than against Him (Hebrews 11:31). Rahab wanted IN ON THE PROMISE!

It doesn't matter how dismal or dark your past is. Nor does it matter what others think about you or how you have been labeled. If you **resolve** to align your heart with the heart of God, you can convert not only from enemy to ally, but from enemy to **family**. Rahab the harlot was saved by believing the promise and then became a part of the lineage of the Promise Giver. (Matthew 1:5, James 2:25).

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WORSHIP

Give God praise for allowing us access to His promises despite our failings.

LEARN

Review Joshua 2:1-24, 6:1-27. Be encouraged by the faith of Rahab and faithfulness of God.

SERVE

Seek to support others whom you know are serving the Lord. God can and will bless you as you bless others.

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