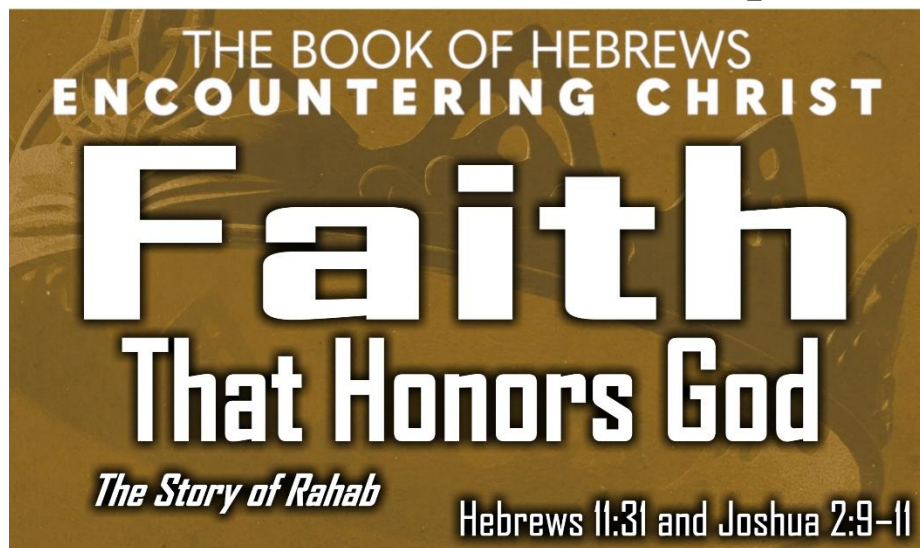




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IN SOME PLACES, GOD'S WORD IS UNDERLINED WITH DOTS WITH PASTOR JOE'S COMMENTARY IN THE BRACKETED, LIGHTER FACED TEXT.

Rahab's faith was the faith of a woman who knew little, but believed much. Rahab's life shows that God's grace is not hindered by your past, your culture, or your failures. - C.H. Spurgeon

A. Meet Rahab

1. Rahab was a Canaanite prostitute.
2. She lived in Jericho when the walls fell down.
3. She hid the spies at great personal risk.
4. She sent Jericho's soldiers on a false trail.
5. She asked for mercy and hung the scarlet cord as a sign.
6. When Jericho fell, she and her family were spared.

James 2:25, NLT - ²⁵ Rahab the prostitute is another example. She was shown to be right with God by her actions when she hid those messengers and sent them safely away by a different road.

Hebrews 11:31, TLB - ³¹ By faith—because she believed in God and his power—Rahab the harlot did not die with all the others in her city when they refused to obey God, for she gave a friendly welcome to the spies.

B. Rahab's Faith

Rahab's Confession of Faith

1. SHE RECOGNIZED GOD'S ACTIVITY.

Joshua 2:9, TLB - ⁹ “[I] know perfectly well [יָדַעְתִּי (yā-dā-tee) lit., “to be pierced with a truth or sharp realization”] that your God is going to give my country to you.” she told them. “We are all afraid of you; everyone is terrified if the word *Israel* is even mentioned.”

2. SHE ACKNOWLEDGES GOD'S POWER.

Joshua 2:10, TLB - ¹⁰ For we have heard how the Lord made a path through the Red Sea for you when you left Egypt! And we know what you did to Sihon and Og, the two Amorite kings east of the Jordan [Sihon ruled the region east of the Jordan River. He wouldn't let Israel pass through the land; when Israel did pass, he attacked them and God gave them victory of Sihon's great army. Og ruled over the northern territory known for its massive army and fortified cities. God gave Israel the victory against Og and his army], and how you ruined their land and completely destroyed their people.

3. SHE CONFESSES GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY.

Joshua 2:11, TLB - ¹¹ No wonder we are afraid of you! No one has any fight left in him after hearing things like that, for your God is the supreme God of heaven, not just an ordinary god.

“Rahab's confession is one of the clearest declarations of God's sovereignty in the Old Testament.” - Dr. R. Kent Hughes

C. Why Rahab's Faith Matters

1. No past is too dark for God's grace.
2. No culture is too pagan for God's reach.
3. No act of faith is too small for God to honor.
4. Rahab's story is a preview of the gospel.

A sinner becomes a saint • An outsider becomes family

A prostitute becomes part of the lineage of Jesus (Matt. 1:5)

A woman of shame becomes a person of faith (Heb. 11:31)