

**WOMEN OF CHRISTMAS**  
**RAHAB: GOD WELCOMES OUTSIDERS**  
**JOSHUA 2**  
**11/30/25**

**I. WHO RAHAB WAS**

*Matthew 1:5 - "...and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse."*

*James 2:25 - "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?"*

*Hebrews 11:31 - "By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies."*

**II. WHO GOD IS**

*Deuteronomy 7:1-6 - "When the Lord your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, and clears away many nations before you, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations more numerous and mightier than you, <sup>2</sup>and when the Lord your God gives them over to you, and you defeat them, then you must devote them to complete destruction. You shall make no covenant with them and show no mercy to them. <sup>3</sup>You shall not intermarry with them, giving your daughters to their sons or taking their daughters for your sons, <sup>4</sup>for they would turn away your sons from following me, to serve other gods. Then the anger of the Lord would be kindled against you, and he would destroy you quickly. <sup>5</sup>But thus shall you deal with them: you shall break down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and chop down their Asherim and burn their carved images with fire. <sup>6</sup>'For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.'"*

**III. WHAT RAHAB DID**

**A. She welcomed the spies**

*Joshua 2:1 - "And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, 'Go, view the land, especially Jericho.' And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and lodged there."*

**B. She lied to the king's men**

*Joshua 2:2-7 - "And it was told to the king of Jericho, 'Behold, men of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land.'<sup>3</sup> Then the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, 'Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land.'<sup>4</sup> But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. And she said, 'True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from. <sup>5</sup>And when the gate was about to be closed at dark, the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them.'<sup>6</sup> But she had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks of flax that she had laid in order on the roof. <sup>7</sup>So the men pursued after them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. And the gate was shut as soon as the pursuers had gone out."*

**C. She acted in faith**

### 1. She knew God's plan

*Joshua 2:8-9 - "Before the men lay down, she came up to them on the roof<sup>9</sup> and said to the men, "**I know that the Lord has given you the land**, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you."*

### 2. She heard what God did

*Joshua 2:10 - "For **we have heard how the Lord** dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction."*

### 3. Her heart melted

*Joshua 2:11 - "And as soon as we heard it, **our hearts melted**, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the Lord your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath."*

### 4. She acted in faith

*Joshua 2:15 - "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 2:21 - "And she said, 'According to your words, so be it.' Then she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window."*

## IV. WHAT GOD DOES

### A. She was saved

*Joshua 6:17 - "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."*

## COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. Why do you think most of us think about Rahab's failures before we think about her faith?
3. Do you wrestle with the severity of God in dealing with the foreign nations? Why?
4. Was there a time in your life when you thought telling the truth would make things worse? What did you do?
5. Was there a time in your life when you had to wait and trust God to show up for you? Describe that event.
6. How can you use the story of Rahab to share the Gospel with someone you love?