

ROOTS
of Redemption



ADVENT
at Living Stones

GRACE FOR THE GUILTY

JOSHUA 2



WHO WAS RAHAB?

A CANAANITE

A PROSTITUTE

A PAGAN

WE MUST FACE WHO WE
REALLY ARE (JOSHUA. 2:1)

GUILTY, UNHIDDEN, AND IN
NEED OF MERCY

WHAT RAHAB KNEW:

GOD DRIED THE RED SEA.

GOD CRUSHED EGYPT.

GOD DESTROYED OTHER FORTIFIED CITIES.

GOD PROMISED THE LAND TO HIS PEOPLE.

**“THE LORD YOUR GOD, HE IS GOD IN THE
HEAVENS ABOVE AND ON THE EARTH
BENEATH.” (JOSHUA 2:11)**

WE MUST RECOGNIZE WHAT'S
COMING (JOSHUA 2:8:8-11)

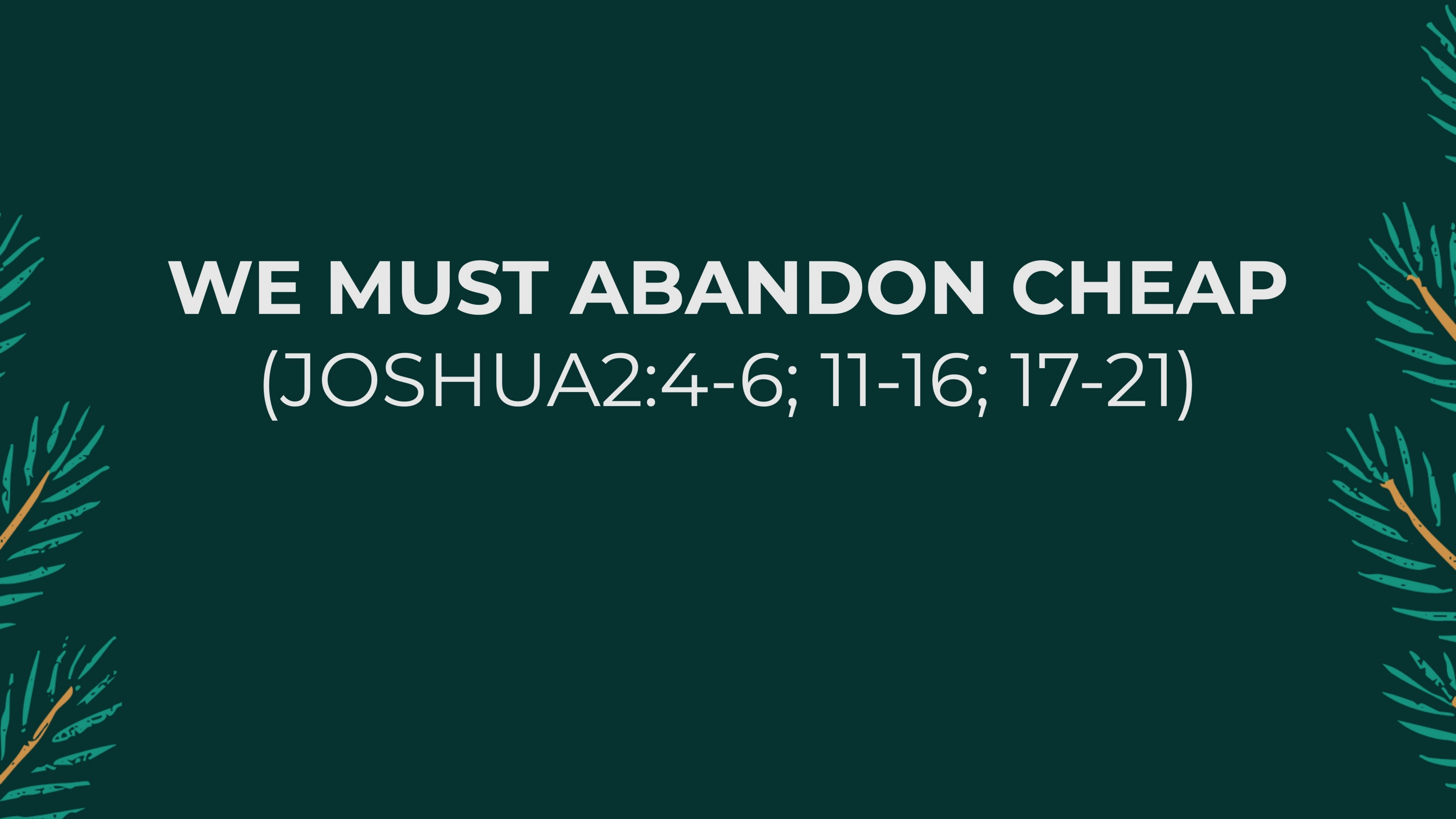
GOD'S JUDGMENT, NOT BAD
LUCK OR MISFORTUNE

RAHAB'S RESPONSE TO WHAT'S COMING:

- SHE RISKS EVERYTHING.
- SHE HIDES GOD'S PEOPLE.
- SHE DEFIES JERICHO'S KING.
- SHE TIES THE CORD.
- SHE STAYS PUT IN FAITH.

By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

Hebrews 11:31



WE MUST ABANDON CHEAP
(JOSHUA 2:4-6; 11-16; 17-21)

“Cheap grace is grace sold on the market like cheapjacks’ wares ... Grace without price; grace without cost! Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession ... Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the Cross, grace without Jesus Christ living and incarnate.”

~ Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

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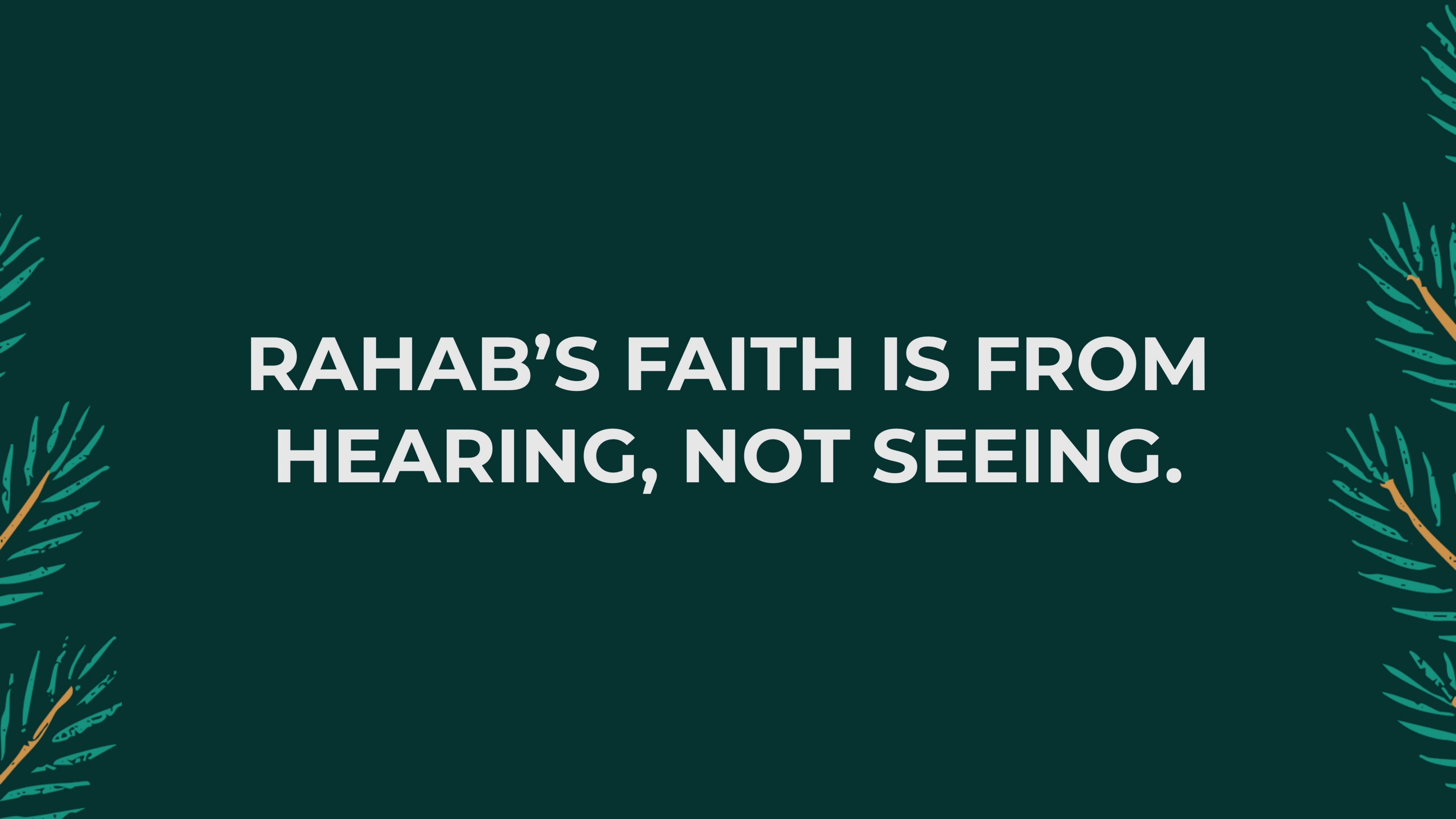
GRACE THAT COSTS NOTHING, RISKS NOTHING,
OBEYS NOTHING, AND SAVES NOTHING.

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

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. 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.

Joshua 2:10-11



RAHAB'S FAITH IS FROM
HEARING, NOT SEEING.

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RAHAB'S REWRITTEN STORY: “THEY LIVED IN ISRAEL TO THIS DAY.” (6:25)

SHE WORSHIPPED ISRAEL'S GOD.

SHE LIVED UNDER GOD'S CARE.

SHE BELONGED TO GOD'S PEOPLE.

SHE BECAME PART OF GOD'S STORY.

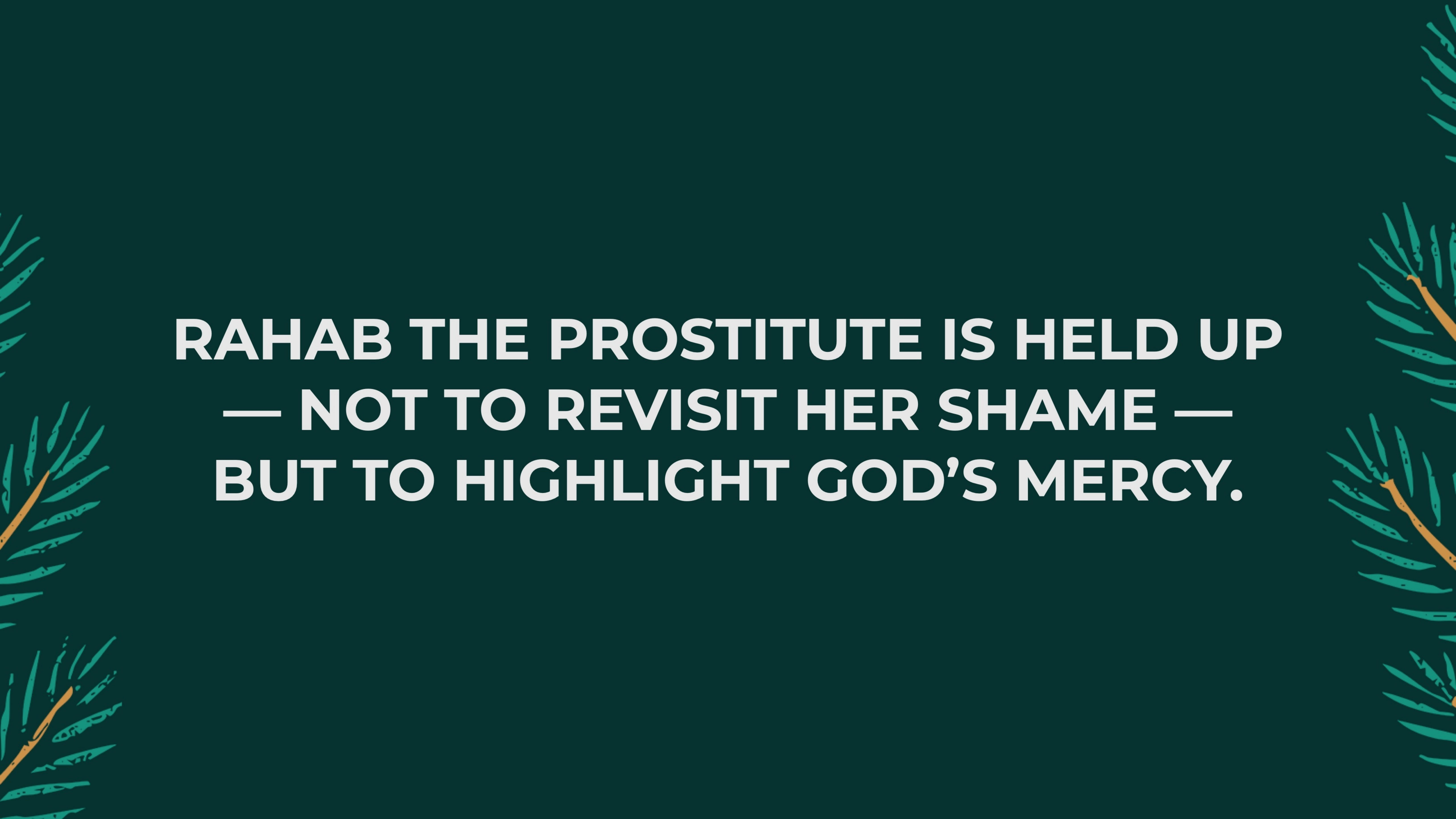
SHE BECAME THE MOTHER OF BOAZ.

THE GREAT-GRANDMOTHER OF KING DAVID.

AND ULTIMATELY—A Matriarch of the messiah



WE MUST CONTINUE TO WEAR OUR
REDEMPTION (JOSHUA 6:22-25)



**RAHAB THE PROSTITUTE IS HELD UP
— NOT TO REVISIT HER SHAME —
BUT TO HIGHLIGHT GOD'S MERCY.**

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.

Colossians 3:5-7



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REDEMPTION (JOSHUA 6:22-25)**

LIVING OPENLY IN THE GRACE THAT COVERS
OUR PAST AND DEFINES OUR FUTURE.

