

Biblical Foundations

FAITH IN ACTION

TITLE: Faith That Overcomes

Key Text: Hebrews 11:31 (NLT)

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What is Faith?

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11 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

**I believe TRUST
walks alongside FAITH**

Proverbs 3 :5 – 6 (NIV)

**5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
6 in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.**

Joshua 2 : 1 – 21 (NIV)

1 Then Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two spies from Shittim. “Go, look over the land,” he said, “especially Jericho.” So they went and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there.

2 The king of Jericho was told, “Look, some of the Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land.”

3 So the king of Jericho sent this message to Rahab: “Bring out the men who came to you and entered your house, because they have come to spy out the whole land.”

4 But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. She said, "Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from. 5 At dusk, when it was time to close the city gate, they left. I don't know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You may catch up with them."

6 (But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax she had laid out on the roof.)
7 So the men set out in pursuit of the spies on the road that leads to the fords of the Jordan, and as soon as the pursuers had gone out, the gate was shut.

8 Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof
9 and said to them, “I know that the Lord has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you.

10 We have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed.

11 When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.

12 “Now then, please swear to me by
the Lord that you will show kindness to
my family, because I have shown
kindness to you. Give me a sure sign
13 that you will spare the lives of my
father and mother, my brothers and
sisters, and all who belong to them—
and that you will save us from death.”

14 “Our lives for your lives!” the men assured her. “If you don’t tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully when the Lord gives us the land.”

15 So she let them down by a rope through the window, for the house she lived in was part of the city wall.

16 She said to them, "Go to the hills so the pursuers will not find you. Hide yourselves there three days until they return, and then go on your way."

17 Now the men had said to her, "This oath you made us swear will not be binding on us"

18 unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you have brought your father and mother, your brothers and all your family into your house.

19 If any of them go outside your house into the street, their blood will be on their own heads; we will not be responsible. As for those who are in the house with you, their blood will be on our head if a hand is laid on them.

20 But if you tell what we are doing, we will be released from the oath you made us swear.”

21 “Agreed,” she replied. “Let it be as you say.”

So she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.

Who is this women Rahab?

Matthew 1 : 5 - 6 (NIV)

5 Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, 6 and Jesse the father of King David.

David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife,

Rahab's Faith

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3 Lessons learned Rahab:

1. Godly fear should lead to faith

Proverbs 15 : 33 (NIV)

33 Wisdom's instruction is to fear the Lord, and humility comes before honor.

**2. Lying which is a sin,
will always be a sin.**

Joshua 2 : 4 – 5 (NIV)

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Proverbs 12 : 22 (NLV)

22 The Lord hates lying lips, but those who speak the truth are His joy.

1 John 1 : 9 (NIV)

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

3. There is no sin too great for God to forgive

Lamentations 3 : 22 – 23 (KJV)

22 It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

**No sin is greater than
God's mercy**

The type of faith Rahab had?

Christians must always remember that God's mercy extends to all people. God sent his Son, Jesus Christ to die for the whole humanity and not just for the select few. Therefore through faith of some, many will eventually be saved.