

## JOSHUA: READY FOR BATTLE

Joshua 2:1-24

*“God’s Plan Is Deeper Than Your Past”*

**INTRODUCTION:** Many believers struggle with their past. Your PAST doesn't define your future in Christ. What you do NOW defines your faith! Don't let past sinful issues determine your future in Christ. Nothing you have done or have failed to do in the past can stop you from serving Christ. You are limited only if you allow it. Ask Rahab, a harlot in the genealogy line of Christ. (Matthew 1:5)

**BACKGROUND:** Jericho was a key city because it controlled important migration routes. There was moral corruption (Leviticus 18), and a practice of child sacrifice among the Canaanites. (Deuteronomy 12:29-31) Jericho became part of the allotment of the tribe of Benjamin. (Joshua 18:12, 21) Jesus of Nazareth passed through Jericho where He healed blind beggars (Matthew 20:29) and inspired a local chief tax-collector named Zacchaeus to repent of his dishonest practices. (Luke 19:1-10)

### I. Rahab’s Works V1-11

- A. Rahab took a stand against the King of Jericho. She hid the **two spies of Israel**. She had heard of the exodus of Israel **from slavery in Egypt, of** the miracle of the Red Sea, and **of** the overthrow of the two kings of the Amorites, Sihon and Og. (Joshua 10) (Numbers 21:21-35) *Have others heard of your testimony from darkness to light in Christ?*
- B. Rahab planned the protection and the escape of the two spies. She covered them with stalks of flax that was used for clothing material, and sent their pursuers in another direction.
- C. Rahab then **told** the spies that the country had heard of **God’s dealings for the Israelites** and that **Jericho’s inhabitants were** in great fear of them, because God was on their side. *Is the presence of God evident in our everyday life?*

### II. Her Faith V12-13

- A. Rahab’s faith was a simple faith. So strong was her faith that she was willing **to risk her own life in order to save two Israelites**, trusting that she would be

saved by them. And she expressed her faith by saying , “*I know...*” (V9) *What do we know?*

- B. Then she requested that when Israel came back to Jericho that she and her family would be saved from death as they took the promised land.

### III. Salvation Comes with a Condition V14-21

- A. The *scarlet rope* was to be placed outside the window for Joshua and his men to see. It was Rahab’s mark of identification as one to be saved in the day of calamity. (John 14:6-7) This gives reference to our safety in Jesus because of His sacrifice, “*the only way.*” (Hebrews 9:19-22)
- B. It is like in Exodus 12, the Passover. The promise given to Rahab and her family was that they would be saved by a red cord hanging outside her window.
- C. The scarlet rope was the symbol requested in V12. It was the same cord which was used to save the two spies and it was to be visible in the window. *Is the blood of Christ evident in our lives?* (I John 1:7)

### IV. A Miraculous Salvation V22-24

- A. Rahab and her family were saved *miraculously by the power and sovereign will of God for His Holy Divine plan*. (Exodus 9:16) Rahab was not only saved alive, “but saved to live.” She knew that the spies were servants of the Lord.

**WE ARE SAVED TO LIVE OUT OUR SALVATION BEFORE OTHERS.  
(Philippians 2:12) WE MUST BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS LIKE  
RAHAB AND LIVE OUT OUR FUTURE IN CHRIST.**