

**Bad Girl----Good Lord!
Rahab**

Joshua 2:1- Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two men as spies from the Acacia Grove,^[a] saying, "Go and scout the land, especially Jericho." So they left, and they came to the house of a prostitute named Rahab, and stayed there.

²The king of Jericho was told, "Look, some of the Israelite men have come here tonight to investigate the land." ³Then the king of Jericho sent word to Rahab and said, "Bring out the men who came to you and entered your house, for they came to investigate the entire land."

⁴But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. So she said, "Yes, the men did come to me, but I didn't know where they were from. ⁵At nightfall, when the city gate was about to close, the men went out, and I don't know where they were going. Chase after them quickly, and you can catch up with them!" ⁶But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them among the stalks of flax that she had arranged on the roof. ⁷The men pursued them along the road to the fords of the Jordan, and as soon as they left to pursue them, the city gate was shut.

⁸Before the men fell asleep, she went up on the roof⁹ and said to them, "I know that the LORD has given you this land and that the terror of you has fallen on us, and everyone who lives in the land is panicking because of you.^[b] ¹⁰For 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 Sihon and Og, the two Amorite kings you completely destroyed across the Jordan. ¹¹When we heard this, we lost heart, and everyone's courage failed^[c] because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on earth below. ¹²Now please swear to me by the LORD that you will also show kindness to my father's family, because I showed kindness to you. Give me a sure sign^[d] ¹³that you will spare the lives of my father, mother, brothers, sisters, and all who belong to them, and save us from death."

¹⁴ The men answered her, “We will give our lives for yours. If you don’t report our mission, we will show kindness and faithfulness to you when the LORD gives us the land.”

¹⁵ Then she let them down by a rope through the window, since she lived in a house that was built into the wall of the city. ¹⁶ “Go to the hill country so that the men pursuing you won’t find you,” she said to them. “Hide there for three days until they return; afterward, go on your way.”

¹⁷ The men said to her, “We will be free from this oath you made us swear, ¹⁸ unless, when we enter the land, you tie this scarlet cord to the window through which you let us down. Bring your father, mother, brothers, and all your father’s family into your house. ¹⁹ If anyone goes out the doors of your house, his death will be his own fault, and we will be innocent. But if anyone with you in the house should be harmed, his death will be our fault. ²⁰ And if you report our mission, we are free from the oath you made us swear.”

²¹ “Let it be as you say,” she replied, and she sent them away. After they had gone, she tied the scarlet cord to the window.

Joshua5: 22-23 Joshua said to the two men who had scouted the land, “Go to the prostitute’s house and bring the woman out of there, and all who are with her, just as you swore to her.” ²³ So the young men who had scouted went in and brought out Rahab and her father, mother, brothers, and all who belonged to her. They brought out her whole family and settled them outside the camp of Israel.

I. The past can stick with us

She was the sex worker

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Acts 9: 13 "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard from many people about this man, how much harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem.

II. We don't have to let our past define who we are now.

Rahab's actions and words indicated she came to the Lord

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III. God does not let your past impact his love for us

Rahab received forgiveness just like we all can

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Ephesians 5:8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

IV. God has big plans for your future!

She is in the "Hall of fame"

Hebrews 11:31 By faith Rahab the prostitute welcomed the spies in peace and didn't perish with those who disobeyed.

She impacted her family

She impacted our savior.

II Cor 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has^[a] come!

Rom 8: 28 We know that all things work together^u for the good^u of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose

Close:

The past does not have to be your prison. You have a voice in your destiny. You have a say in your life. You have a choice in the path you take.

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