

RIDICULOUS FRIENDS

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*It was by faith that the people of Israel marched around Jericho for seven days, and the walls came crashing down. It was by faith that [Rahab the prostitute](#) was not destroyed with the people in her city who refused to obey God. For she had given a [friendly welcome](#) to the spies. **Hebrews 11:30-31 (NLT)***

*Then Joshua secretly sent out two spies from the Israelite camp at Acacia Grove. He instructed them, "Scout out the land on the other side of the Jordan River, especially around Jericho." So the two men set out and came to [the house of a prostitute named Rahab](#) and stayed there that night. **Joshua 2:1 (NLT)***

There Are Three Things Rahab Can Teach Us About Faith:

1. Rahab's faith was **REAL**.

*You see that a person is [considered righteous by what they do](#) and not by faith alone. In the same way, was not even [Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did](#) when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? As the body without the spirit is dead, so [faith without deeds is dead](#). **James 2:24-26 (NIV)***

2. Rahab's faith was **RISKY**.

*[Rahab had hidden the two men](#), but she replied, "Yes, the men were here earlier, but I didn't know where they were from. They left the town at dusk, as the gates were about to close. I don't know where they went. If you hurry, you can probably catch up with them." Actually, she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them beneath bundles of flax she had laid out. **Joshua 2:4-6 (NLT)***

Now swear to me by the Lord that you will be kind to me and my family [since I have helped you](#). Give me some guarantee that when Jericho is conquered, you will let me live, along with my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all their families.

*"We offer our own lives as a guarantee for your safety," the men agreed. "If you don't betray us, [we will keep our promise and be kind to you when the Lord gives us the land](#)." Then, since Rahab's house was built into the town wall, she let them down by a rope through the window. **Joshua 2:12-15 (NLT)***

Then the Israelites burned the town and everything in it. Only the things made from silver, gold, bronze, or iron were kept for the treasury of the Lord's house.



So Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute and her relatives who were with her in the house, *because she had hidden the spies Joshua sent to Jericho*. And she lives among the Israelites to this day. **Joshua 6:24-25 (NLT)**

3. Rahab's faith was **REWARDED**.

This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham: Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers...

Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David. **Matthew 1:1-2, 5-6 (NIV)**

Your Past Does Not Determine Your Future!

