

NEVER TOO LATE, NEVER TOO FAR
Part 2 in Series: Where the Promise Becomes a Reality
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Text: Joshua 2 and Hebrews 11:31

When they arrived they entered the house of a prostitute, named Rahab, and stayed there. Joshua 2:1

Three lessons we learn from this prostitute's story that speak to us on a personal level...

1. NO MATTER HOW FAR A PERSON HAS FALLEN IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO COME BACK TO GOD

- *I know that the Lord has given this land to you and a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. Joshua 2:8*
- *...by faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient. Hebrews 11:31*
- *When we come into the land, take this line of scarlet thread and tie it in your window. Bring all your family members into your house. As long as they are in the room covered by this scarlet cord they will be safe. Joshua 2:18,19*

2. GOD HAS MORE GRACE THAN PEOPLE DO

- God sees potential in every one, even those of us who have fallen down...

3. GOD HONORS AN ACTIVE FAITH

- *Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action is dead... You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did... 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. James 2:17-20; 25-26*
- God remembered Rahab not for her sin, but for her faith.
- Faith in Jesus Christ is a way of life — not simply a belief.