

“FINDING A LASTING (HIS) STORY” Series

Message #2 of 5

“RAHAB’S DETERMINATION”

The only background that matters to God is not your determination to cling to your religious pedigree or superiority, but a determined faith in the pedigree and superiority of Jesus Christ.

Joshua 2:1-21;

Joshua 6:22-25; James 2:23-26; Hebrews 11:30-31

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1. FACTS –

- Rahab had an interesting life.

“So they went and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there.” – Joshua 2:1b

“When we heard of (God’s work in you) our hearts melted and everyone’s courage failed because of you.” – Joshua 2:11a

2. FAITH –

- Rahab responded to the testimony of God’s work.

“I know that the Lord has given this land to you ...for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on earth below.” – Joshua 2:9a, 11b

“By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomes the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.” – Hebrews 11:31

“You see that a person is justified by what he does 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?” – James 2:24-25

3. FORESIGHT –

- Rahab cut a deal.

“Please swear to me by the Lord that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you.” – Joshua 2:12

4. FAMILY –

- Rahab saved her family.

*“Give me a sure sign 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.” – Joshua 2:13*

5. FUTURE –

- Rahab became a great-great-grandmother of Jesus Christ and is in heaven today with her family and ours.

“She lives among the Israelites to this day.” – Joshua 6:25d

*“A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ ... Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was **Rahab** ... and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born **Jesus**, who is called the Christ.” – Matthew 1:5, 16*

“Friends, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become ... our righteousness, holiness and redemption.” – 1st Corinthians 1:26, 30

- Who are we ‘sparing’? – Joshua 2:13; 6:25
- Is there somebody who we think is ‘beyond’ reach?
- Who is our ‘enemy’ who we DON’T pray for?
- Who are the undesirables?
- How does God want us to respond to them?