"CROSSING OVER" Series The Journeys of Joshua & The People of God Message #3 of 5

"THE GOOD NEWS ACCORDING TO RAHAB"

A strong and courageous follower of Jesus <u>acknowledges</u> their sin, <u>accepts</u> the lead of Christ, and <u>enjoys</u> the mercy of God.

Joshua 2:1-13

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1. <u>ADMITS SIN</u> – *OUR HEARTS MELTED* – (v.9-11a)

"I heard what your Lord has done ... and our hearts melted & everyone's courage failed." - v.9a, 11a

Rahab realized she was in danger.

• "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." - Romans 3:23

2. <u>ACCEPTS CHRIST</u> – *THE LORD IS GOD* – (v.11b)

"For the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below." - v.11b

Rahab acknowledged the Lord's authority.

• "The wages of sin is death." - Romans 6:23a

3. ENJOYS MERCY – SHOW US KINDNESS – (v.12-13)

"Please swear to me by the Lord that you will show kindness to my family." - v.12a

Rahab asked for mercy.

• "While we were still sinners Christ died for us." - Romans 5:8

"And she tied the scarlet cord in the window." - v.21b

Scarlet throughout the Bible

Genesis 3:15 - "The seed of the woman" Isaiah 7:14 - miraculous birth

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Exodus 12 - Passover lamb

Isaiah 52-53 - the suffering servant

Zechariah 13:7b

Isaiah 1:8 - sins as scarlet, white as snow

Compassionate but Demands Justice

Exodus 34:6

Psalm 86:15

Nahum 1:2-3

Jonah 4:2