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Schedule of Services Greeting: Tom Song Leader: Doug Opening Hymn: A-My God And I **Opening Prayer: Robert** Hymn: 336-There's A Great Day Coming Scripture Reading: Ryan James 2:14-26 Hymn: 289—The Breaking Of Bread Lord's Supper: Dale Hymn: 176–Standing On The Promises Sermon: Tom Invitation Hymn: 636–Only A Step Closing Hymn: 661—Take The Name Of Jesus With You Closing Prayer: Dale

## Rahab

In the Old Testament book of Joshua, we are introduced to one of the most intriguing and brave women of the Bible. Rahab in the Bible was a prostitute in the Canaanite city of Jericho. She is known for her strong faith and for her position in the lineage of Jesus. The life and times of Rahab in the Bible can lead us to a greater understanding of God's plan for His church as well as individual believers in grace and mercy.

We read about Rahab in Joshua 2–6. In these chapters of the Bible, we learn about the Israelite's conquest of a fortified city called Jericho. The city was a stronghold that lay directly in the path of the advancing Israelites. Joshua sent two spies to look over the land West of Jordan.

Through God's hand, two righteous Israelite spies ended up at her doorstep. She took these men in and hid them, even though she was told to hand them over, and if she didn't, her own life would be taken. Rahab had a choice to make. In <u>Joshua 2</u> we read the account of Rahab and learn that she risked her life to hide two men she'd just met.

The spies were able to avoid capture by staying with Rahab, a woman who kept them hidden on her roof. She agreed to help them escape, but only if they promised to spare her family during the upcoming battle. The spies agreed to her request as long as three conditions were met: 1) By hanging a scarlet rope from the window, she could distinguish her home and ensure safety for those inside, 2) Her family must be kept inside her home during this battle; and 3) Rahab must not at any time turn on the spies. Then she let them down by a rope through the

window, for her house was built into the city wall so that she lived in the wall. When the city was destroyed, every man woman, and child in it was killed. Rahab and her whole fam-

ily were the only ones saved from the agreement of the spies and were included among the Jewish people.

Rahab in the Bible was no longer viewed as a city harlot, but as one worthy of grace and mercy and blessed to be part of the lineage of our Jesus Christ. Just as she was grafted into the line of Christ, so we become children of God and partakers in His inheritance. This passage speaks not only about spiritual adoption but also tells us that through faith our circumstances and our lives are changed. The grace of God shines through in this story, as it shows how even the worst sinner can be saved and made whole with Christ.

In Matthew chapter 1, we read that Rahab, the harlot, yes, this same woman, is a part of the lineage of Jesus Christ!

In James 2:25, James chose to illustrate Rahab as an excellent example of someone who lived her faith. She just didn't say the right things; she did the right things

The Canaanite woman Rahab in the Bible is a fascinating example of someone who found faith even though they didn't seem like their typical biblical heroines

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PRAYER LIST Mynda and all her family, as she travels. Jerad's surgery Debbie's surgery recovery; as her and Mark travel Ackerman family, Debra;s health Ruth is home now Roberta, doing Bible study with Tom, stroke recovery and Bible study with Kris Bonnie's grandson Devin as he reads and opens his heart to Christ. Wanda's migraines; son Allen, sisters Lorraine & Joyce Mary and her family. Carl's gout and hip surgery recovery, Mary's leg injury Tom & Nina's 5-year-old great nephew, Bear Nicholas, now at home; Tom's health Nina's health, pain.& procedures Kathy, severe feet issues, surgery recovery and pain, her sis- ter and friends. Linda's health and procedures Zarna and her family Juanita, her sister Betty and the rest of her family. Ray and Barbara and their family. Dale's health issues and his family. His friend Riley (age 6)												Speaker Tom Dec. 25—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Tom Dec. 25—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Mark Dec. 31—(b) Randy Jan. 1— Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Mark—Business meeting Jan. 2—Carl Jan. 8— Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Tom Speaker Tom Jan. 13—(b) Cindy Jan. 15—(a) Tom & Nina Jan. 21—(b) Robert	
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