

God's Unlikely Choice

Joshua 2

Rahab was a very unlikely choice to protect the spies. When it comes to salvation, you and I are an unlikely choice

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

I. A Secret Mission (vs. 1-7)

Why a secret?

Why the house of a prostitute?

The sight of men coming and going from a harlot's home wouldn't attract attention.

It would be a good place to gather information

House was located with its backside on the city wall

A divine appointment of God

II. A Surprising Confession of Faith (vs. 8-16)

A. The confession (vs. 8-11)

1. What she knows (vs. 9) - "I know that the Lord has given you this land"

2. What she has heard (vs. 10) – Red Sea, Victory over the Amorites

3. What she believes (vs. 11) – "The Lord (Yahweh) your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below"

B. The commitment (vs. 12-16)

III. The Conditions of Rescue (vs. 15-24)

God promises deliverance to those who respond to His requirements of faith

A. Scarlet Cord in the window (vs. 18a)

A symbol of the cross

B. Remaining in the house (vs. 18b)

A symbol of the Exodus

C. Keeping the spy's business a secret (vs. 20)

God lays down specific requirements for us to follow in order to be saved.

One name – Jesus **Acts 4:12**

One way - through the death of Christ

One response – believe **Acts 16:30-31**

IV. The Significance of Rahab

A. **Hebrews 11:31** – God memorializes her faith

B. **James 2:25-26** – God praises her good works

C. **Matthew 1:5-6** – God chose her to be in the royal line of Christ

V. Rahab: A Picture of You and I

A. As believers, we are saved out of a pagan world system and become part of the church

B. We are saved by faith as we confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord and savior.

C. We are saved by an act of grace through faith

D. We are also told that the only way to a relationship with God is through a relationship with Jesus

E. God's grace doesn't wait for us to clean up our act before He finds us.

If God can reach a Rahab, no one is beyond His reach or concern.