

Noman of faith, truth, courage, and belief

Trust In... God's Plans For You

One of the most amazing and thought provoking women of the Old Testament, Rahab, a prostitute, earned unique praise for her faith and a place in the lineage of Jesus the Messiah.

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RAHAB'S HISTORY

- Canaanite
- King's prostitute in the city of Jericho
- Wife to Salmon (Joshua's spy)
- Mother of Boaz (husband to Ruth)
- Ancestor to Jesus the Messiah

SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Joshua 2:<u>8-14, 15-24</u>
- Joshua 6: 1-14, <u>15-25</u>
- Hebrews 11: 1,31

The Story of Rahab

Joshua 2:8-14

Then Joshua secretly sent out spies from the Israelite camp at Acacia.

He instructed them, "Spy out the land on the other side of the Jordan River, especially around Jericho."

So the two men set out and came to the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there that night.

But someone told the king of Jericho, "Some Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land."

So the king of Jericho sent orders to Rahab: "Bring out the men who have come into your house. They are spies sent here to discover the best way to attack us."



The Story of Rahab

Rahab, who had hidden the two men, replied, "The men were here earlier, but I didn't know where they were from. They left the city at dusk, as the city gates were about to close, and I don't know where they went. If you hurry, you can probably catch up with them." (But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them beneath piles of flax.)

So the king's men went looking for the spies along the road leading to the shallow crossing places of the Jordan River. And as soon as the king's men had left, the city gate was shut.

Before the spies went to sleep that night, Rahab went up on the roof to talk with them.

"I know the Lord has given you this land," she told them.

"We are all afraid of you. Everyone is living in terror. For we have heard how the Lord made a dry path for you through the Red Sea when you left Egypt."

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Joshua 2:8-14

"And we know what you did to Sihon and Og, the two Amorite kings east of the Jordan River. No wonder our hearts have melted in fear! No one has the courage to fight after hearing such things."

"For the Lord your God is the supreme God of the heavens above and the earth below. Now swear to me by the Lord that you will be kind to me and my family since I have helped you."

"Give me some guarantee that when Jericho is conquered, you will let me live, along with my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all their families."



"We offer our own lives as a guarantee for your safety," the men agreed.

"If you don't betray us, we will keep our promise when the Lord gives us the land."

The Story of Rahab

Joshua 2:15-24

Then, since Rahab's house was built into the city wall, she let them down by a rope through the window.

"Escape to the hill country," she told them. "Hide there for three days until the men who are searching for you have returned; then go on your way."

Before they left, the men told her, "We can guarantee your safety only if you leave this scarlet rope hanging from the window. And all your family members – your father and mother, brothers, and all your relatives – must be inside this house. If they go out into the street, they will be killed, and we cannot be held to our oath. But we swear that no one inside this house will be killed – not a hand will be laid on any of them. If you betray us, however, we are not bound by this oath in any way."

"I accept your terms." She replied. And she sent them on their way, leaving the scarlet rope hanging from the window.



The Story of Rahab



The spies went up into the hill country and stayed there three days.

The men who were chasing them had searched everywhere along the road, but the finally returned to the city without success.

Then the two spies came down from the hill country, crossed the Jordan River, and reported to Joshua all that had happened to them.

"The Lord will certainly give us the whole land," they said, "for all the people in the land are terrified of us."

The Story of Rahab

Joshua 6:1-14

Now the gates of Jericho were tightly shut because the people were afraid of the Israelites. No one was allowed to go in or out.

But the Lord said to Joshua, "I have given you Jericho, its king, and all its mighty warriors. Your entire army is to march around the city once a day for six days. Seven priests will walk ahead of the Ark, each carrying a ram's horn. On the seventh day you are to march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the horns. When you hear the priests give one long blast on the horns, have all the people give a mighty shout. Then the walls of the city will collapse, and the people can charge straight into the city."

So Joshua called together the priests and said, "Take up the Ark of the Covenant, and assign seven priests to walk in front of it, each carrying a ram's horn.

Then he gave orders to the people: "March around the city, and the armed men will lead the way in front of the Ark of the Lord."





Study Guíde

Rahab is included as one of the four most beautiful women in the bible. In her time beauty was not always a guarantee of happiness and a family. In a patriarchal society where men were accustomed to taking what they wanted including a beautiful woman, life could be very hard.

This is how it was for Rahab, who was placed into prostitution when she would have been no more than a girl. Although she found favor with the king, was given a house on the city wall and many gifts and luxuries, she still was not accepted as part of society and had to live her life in shame.

Yet she did not let the circumstances of her life keep her from dreaming of a different life, a life of respect, love, and family.

When God presented Rahab with a way out of her life of shame and degradation and a chance to be part of his people, she took it. When she saved the two spies Joshua sent to check out the city, she proclaimed, "The Lord your God is God in heaven above, and here on Earth.

I know that the Lord has given you this land."

Study Guide

She then proposed a deal that she would help them to escape the city and would keep their secret if they would agree to spare her and her family when they took the city, for Rahab truly believed they would be victorious.

The spies agreed and promised to save her and her family if they were all inside her house when they took over the city, and if she left the scarlet rope hanging from her window on the wall so they could identify her house.

When the king found out that the spies were at Rahab's house and she was sheltering them he sent men to arrest them.

When they came Rahab lied and told them two men she didn't know had come but left the city as it was getting dark and if they hurried they might catch up with them.

This lie was a courageous act by Rahab, if it hadn't worked and they would have found the spies hidden on her roof, she surely would have been killed.

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Study Guíde

As Joshua's soldiers began to march around the city, the noise and vibration of thousands of people marching must have been completely terrifying to everyone inside the city, yet Rahab kept her faith in the Hebrew God.

The anticipation of the coming destruction surly increased the fear of the people in the city with each passing day. By the time of the actual fall of the city, the people for the most part were already defeated.

One of the spies, Salmon was taken by Rahab's beauty, courage and faith in God and after the battle was over and Rahab was safely camped outside of the city he took her for his wife. She had a son Boaz who we will see in the story of Ruth became a great and honorable man.

Because of her faith in the face of almost certain death, and her courage to act on that faith we see her honored in Matthew, Hebrews and James.

And yet, she is still referred to as Rahab, the prostitute.



Read the story of Rahab, and discuss the following questions.

Keep an open mind for there is more to the story of this woman, who was a known prostitute, than what her occupation would lead you to believe.

Rahab was a prostitute in the city of Jericho. As a prostitute, she lived on the edge of society, one stop short of rejection. Her house was built into the city wall and provided both lodging and favors to travelers.

Rahab was a prostitute in service to the king and held his favor. How might she have come to this position?

- In keeping with the customs of the times, her father may have sold her into prostitution to the king to secure his own position and favorable marriages for any other daughters he may have had.
- The king may have noticed beautiful Rahab and demanded her from the father who was too afraid of being killed if he refused and knew she would be taken from him regardless.

Was Rahab like the other people of Jericho who had faith that their idol gods would save them?

- Rahab was forced to live in shame.
- Rahab new in her heart that the Israelite God was the one true God.
- She believed God protected his people. She longed to be one of them.

Why would the spies stop at the house of Rahab, a prostitute?

- It was a good place to gather information and have no questions asked in return.
- Rahab's house was in an ideal location for a quick escape because it was built into the wall.
- God directed the spies to Rahab's house because he knew her heart was open to him and that she would be instrumental in the Israelite victory over Jericho. God often uses people with simple faith to accomplish his great purposes; no matter what kind of past they have had or how insignificant they seem to be. Rahab didn't allow her past to keep her from the new role God had for her.

Was Rahab justified in lying to save the lives of the spies?

- God forgave Rahab's lie because of her faith; Rahab was simply deceiving the enemy, a normal and acceptable practice in warfare.
- There may have been another way to save the lives of the Israelite spies, but under the pressure of the moment, Rahab had to make a choice. Most of us will face dilemmas at one time or another. We may feel there is no solution to our problems. Fortunately, God does not demand that our judgment be perfect in all situations. He simply asks us to put our trust in him and to do the best we know how. Rahab did that and was commended for her faith.

Ezekiel 47:12

Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing."

Breathing in the aromatic constituents of essential oils with a diffuser, via dry evaporation (cotton ball), steam, or by applying to the hands and/or pulse points and then inhaling will allow their small, molecular size to be absorbed into the Limbic System of the brain.

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Once Rahab made the choice to protect the spies, she put everything she had at risk for a God she barely knew. If she had been caught harboring the Israelites she could have been killed. Why do you believe she chose to protect them?

• She took the risk because she sensed that the Israelites relied on a God worth trusting.

Would you assume that Rahab – a pagan, a Canaanite, and a prostitute – would ever be interested in God?

• God works through people, like Rahab, we are inclined to reject. God remembered her faith, not her profession.

Do you judge others interest in or value to God based on background, lifestyle, or appearance?

 Consider Mother Teresa, who picked up lepers and dying people from the gutters of the street and loved them and nursed them till they died. Would you see these homeless people as worthy of saving? When Rahab asked the two spies to save herself and her family, they gave her their promise and gave her specific instructions to follow, what were they?

- To gather all her family into her home.
- To leave the red cord hanging from the window.

What was Joshua's reaction when the spies returned and told him that they had spent the night in a prostitute's house and that they had promised to save her and her family?

• He told them to fulfill their promise and sent them to rescue her and her family as they had promised.

When the city of Jericho fell and Rahab and her family were saved and taken out of the city to a camp close to the Israelite camp. Did Rahab leave with her family and go back to their old way of life?

- No she was allowed to stay and became the wife of Salmon, one of the spies that she had hid in her home.
- She got her wish that she became one of God's people, and a new life as a wife who was loved.

When God created plants he filled them with His voice, His Word and His intelligence. The resulting essential oils extracted from the plants he created are composed of tiny molecules that can penetrate every cell. They contain the life force, intelligence, and vibrational energy



Essential Oils are lipid cells, the building blocks of living cells.

That's why essential oils are so easily recognized and utilized by our bodies

How was Rahab's life blessed for her faith in God?

- She was saved from certain death.
- She became one of God's people.
- She no longer was forced to live in shame.
- She became a wife and was loved.
- She had a son who was known as a great man.

Do you have times that you feel like a failure or have shame in how your life has progress? How can the story of Rahab help you see the possibility of change for your life?

• If God can change the life of a prostitute in a condemned city, he can change your life if your heart, like Rahab's, is open to him.

How is Rahab remembered in the Bible?

• One of only two women listed in the Hall of Faith in Hebrew 11:31.

Often, in the stories from the Bible, the simplest of people are instrumental in God's bigger plan.

Each of us also has a destiny to follow, usually with some type of risk involved.

If you lack the courage, faith and conviction to follow what your heart is telling you to do, how will the bigger plan you are to play a part in change?

No one is insignificant in God's eyes.

If you do not follow your destiny and do what you came here to do, then whatever you do instead will never be as satisfying or fulfilling because a part of you will always wonder "what if?"

We must remember that each of us touches many other lives. Some of those other lives are waiting for us to show up so they can fulfill their destiny.



BATH

One of the ways essential oils were most often used in the time of Rahab.

 Add 10-15 drops of Rahab blend to ½-1 cup of Pink Himalayan or Dead Sea bath salts and mix into your bath; soak 10-20 minutes for best results.

Soaking in the Rahab bath can help to increase your faith and connection to God and knowing that your life can change and what you most desire can be fulfilled.

It doesn't matter what label the world gives you, it matters what's in your heart and who you know yourself to be. The Rahab bath will detox past shame or disappointment in yourself and your life allowing forgiveness to take place.

• For a foot bath, add 8-12 drops of Rahab blend to ½ cup of Pink Himalayan or Dead Sea bath salts.

For best results, soak feet 10-20 minutes.





MISTING SPRAY

In Rahab's time essential oils and resins were burnt as incense for prayer and offerings. We can use the spray misters to send the essential oils into the air without the smoke.

• Add Mix 12-15 drops in a 4 ounce cobalt blue spray bottle of distilled water. Mist around yourself, front and back, whenever your faith in God or yourself is in question, or when fearful and in need of courage to change your life.

Think of Rahab who keep her faith in the face of almost certain death and took action when God gave her the opportunity. Can be used throughout your environment to create a frequency of courage, faith, strength, and personal power. Shake well before use.

• Mix 6-8 drops in a 2 ounce cobalt spray bottle to carry with you. Mist generously whenever you need extra support at work, or when away from home.

May also be shared with a friend or family member in need of Rahab's courage and strength.

• Diffuse 10-15 drops in your water mist diffuser and mist into the environment.





TOPICAL

Applying to the head and feet was an important way to use essential oils in Rahab's time. Women also were known to apply essential oils to the entire body as a lotion; this was thought to enhance their connection to God and their spiritual life.

• Apply 1 to 3 drops to the sole of each foot. A powerful way to instill the courage and faith needed to move forward and do whatever is necessary to make your life what you know it could be.

This also helps to give energy to the Throat Chakra, our center of personal honor and ability to speak the truth.

- Apply 1 to 2 drops to the Heart Chakra and know that you are not insignificant to God; you are loved and cared for.
- Apply 1 to 2 drops to the Crown Chakra, our personal connection point to the divine guidance and protection that we receive from God.
- Add 10 to 15 drops per ounce of goDésana body lotion and use after your bath to nourish and moisturize the skin while surrounding your body with the spiritual essence of Rahab.





REASONABLE CAUTIONS

If you or a member of your family becomes ill do not diagnose or treat yourself, get proper medical treatment from a qualified health care provider. Then, you may proceed with complimentary Aromatherapy to help you or your family member feel better.

The suggestions in this information are for general use; if you are undecided as to which Essential Oil to use, consult a qualified Aromatherapist who will help guide you in the right direction.

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The Women of the Bible are the perfect companions to give encouragement, inspiration, and hope on our feminine journey of service.

They have led the way, now we must follow.



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