

Rahab: The unexpected saviour



A LINEAGE of GRACE



Five unlikely women who changed eternity.

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Genealogy of Jesus – Matthew 1

Abraham was the father of Isaac,

Isaac the father of Jacob,

Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,

³ Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar,

Perez the father of Hezron,

Hezron the father of Ram,

⁴ Ram the father of Amminadab,

Amminadab the father of Nahshon,

Nahshon the father of Salmon,

⁵ Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab,

Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth,

Obed the father of Jesse,

⁶ and Jesse the father of King David.

David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife,

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¹⁶ and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.

Tamar

Rahab

Ruth

Bathsheba

Mary

Who is Rahab?

- A Non-Jewish Canaanite woman
- Inhabitant of Jericho
- Working as a prostitute

Why Rahab?

Hebrews 11 v 31:

‘by faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient’

James 2 v 25:

‘was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and send them off in a different direction?’

Rahab's actions

- Covers the spies in flax
- Enables their escape through the window
- Counsels them to stay hidden


“Later as I passed by, and when I looked at you and saw that you were old enough for love, I spread the corner of my garment over you and covered your naked body. I gave you my solemn oath and entered into a covenant with you, declares the sovereign Lord, and you became mine” **Ezekiel 16 v 8**

Rahab's faith

“When we heard of it, our hearts sank and everyone’s courage failed because of you for the **Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below**” Joshua 2 v 11

A story of grace

“Please swear to me by the Lord that you will show **kindness** to my family as I have shown **kindness** to you” Joshua 2 v 12



“This oath you made us swear will not be binding on us unless when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down and unless you have brought your father and mother, your brothers and all your family into the house”

Joshua 2 v 17



Blood of the Passover lamb



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The path through the Red Sea



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The bloodline of Jesus



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“It’s not the strength of your faith that saves you, but the object of your faith”

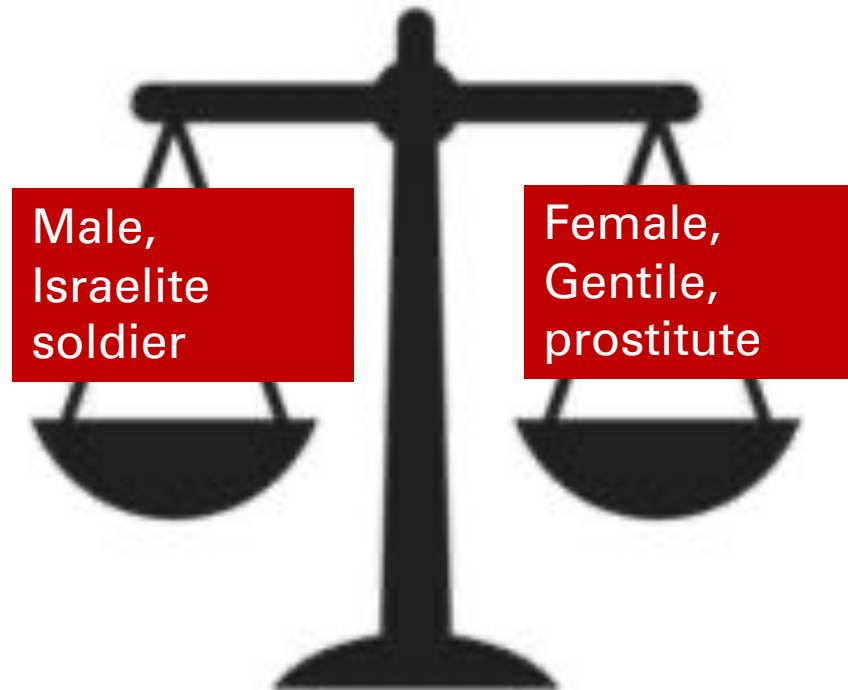
Tim Keller

“Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her – and she lives among the Israelites to this day”

Joshua 6 v 25

The kindness of the spies

“Our lives for your lives!” Joshua 2 v 14





Depend only on God's grace

Hold tight to your salvation

Be open to those whom God will use
to build His kingdom with us