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When Is Enough, Enough?

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"I know that the Lord has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. We have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed."

Joshua 2:9-10



NOTES

Rahab is one of two women mentioned in Faith's Hall of Fame - Hebrews 11.

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” Hebrews 11:1

Rahab is part of the genealogy of King David, which makes her an ancestor to Jesus.

“Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David.” Matthew 1:5-6a

“... And Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.” Matthew 1:16

Rahab was a Canaanite from the ancient city of Jericho, the area we know today as the West Bank.

Due to her bad habits (a liar, a prostitute), her home was part of the city wall away from respectable residents.



Why does God honor her memory in such a significant way?

Rahab hid the Israelite spies from the king under stalks of flax on her rooftop.

“Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof and said to them, ‘I know that the Lord has given this land to you and that great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. We have heard how the Lord dried up the water in the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed.’”

Joshua 2:8-10

“The iniquity of the Amorites was not yet full.”

Genesis 15:16

God gave the people of Canaan over 420 years to change their wicked, cruel and destructive ways and turn to him. They didn't.



“When we heard of it our hearts melted and everyone’s courage failed because of you, for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.”

Joshua 2:11

Critics say “the God of the Bible is a bully, a savage, cruel, a barbaric myth.”

The Bible says “God is holy, just, patient to the extreme and holds us accountable.”

God is saying to the people of Jericho, “**Enough is enough!**”

“I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken.”

Matthew 12:36

“We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or bad.”

2 Corinthians 5:10

What is due for sin against God and people made in his image?



“The wages of sin is death.”

Romans 6:23

“It is appointed for man once to die and after that comes the judgment.”

Hebrews 9:27

“If you call someone ‘fool’ you will be in danger of the fire of hell.”

Matthew 5:22

“It is better to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.”

Matthew 6:29

“Don’t be afraid of those who can kill the body but can’t kill the soul. Rather be afraid of the one who can destroy both body and soul in hell.”

Matthew 10:28

Rahab knows ‘enough is enough’ has come for Jericho.

When is enough, enough?



When you have faith enough to pay attention to the voices that matter most.

How do you decide what voices to listen to?

Who are you listening to?

Pay attention to God's voice and you'll succeed.

When you have sense enough to get ready for the coming storm.

Are you prepared?

When you have courage enough to do what it takes to help save the people you love

“Now then please swear to me by the Lord that you will show kindness to my family because I’ve shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them and that you will save us from death.”

Joshua 2:12-13



The spies gave her a scarlet cord to keep in her window and told her that everyone she got into her house would be spared.

She filled it up with those she loved!

What success can you learn from 'Bad Habit Rahab'?

- Faith enough to pay attention to the voices that matter most
- Sense enough to get ready for the coming storm
- Courage enough to help save the people you love

Rahab means: abyss, bottomless pit. Yet here she is an instrument of saving grace.

Pray for your family. Pray blessing for them. Pray help for them. Pray salvation for them, that they find and follow Jesus with you.

Success is helping people find saving grace.

Jesus traveled through Jericho 14 centuries after this on his way to Jerusalem to be crucified for our sins.



He offended people because he visited with a despised sinner and crooked tax collector named Zacchaeus.

Zacchaeus' life was transformed and he got unstuck from his past.

“Today salvation has come to this house! The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”
Luke 19:9-10

Find the God of Promise.

