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SERMON STUDY NOTES

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The Faith of Rahab James 2:25-26

1. Rahab was a prostitute, a traitor and a liar she did the wicked thing in betraying her own people. She welcomed spies from a strange foreign land and sided with their plans to completely annihilate her people in exchange for her own life. Surely this was the height of treachery. Discuss
2. Rahab was not a respectable person by the standards of most societies. Yet her behaviour and history did not prevent God from using her. She'd heard of the Great God of the Israelites & wanted to know him personally. She'd heard how the waters of the Jordan River parted for the people to cross. She was able to convince her family to hide the spies. *Explain how these actions demonstrated great faith.*
3. Each of us has a little Rahab in us. None of us are exactly what or where God wants us to be in our lives. There may be things in our past that we feel will prohibit God from loving us or using us. Discuss

4. These actions do not prevent us from obtaining God's grace and forgiveness or God from using us! God can and does use anyone and anything to obtain His purpose. Give some examples.

5. Many people fear failure and refuse to step out in faith. Our level of our faith is a key factor in determining our usefulness to God. God prefers to use humble obedient people. *"Nature forms us, sin deforms us, the world conforms us, education informs us, but faith transforms us"*
Discuss

6. *Matt 1:5* Rahab became the great-great grandmother of King David. She became a part of the bloodline of Jesus Christ. Isn't it amazing how God takes the rejects and the most difficult situations and turns them into something beautiful? Give some more examples.

7. Archaeologists have dug up the ruins of Jericho. They have found that the walls collapsed outward, after which the city was burned. Only one section of wall in the northern quarter was intact. It is highly probable Rahab's house was in the wall in what would have been the less desirable part of town. Jars of grain were found that indicated the city had not been under siege for long. If you were an Archaeologist what other evidence would you look for to back up the biblical account?

8. **John 10:44** *How can you believe if you accept praise from one another, yet make no effort to obtain the praise that comes from the only God.* The fear of man is opposed to the culture of faith. There is a place in the heart for either the fear of the Lord or the fear of man - they cannot coexist. The fear of man: the desire for popularity is what keeps many from faith in God. Discuss

9. Many people have not placed their faith in God because they have faith in everything else. What are the other things we place our trust in? Pray that God will reign as number one in our lives.