

Stories of Women

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Titus Fellowships

In the lesson today, we learned how Rahab, as she was living independently of God, heard stories of God's people. How did God use those stories in her life?

Read Deuteronomy 2:24-25, Joshua 2:1-24, and Joshua 9:9-11. Based on these passages, what did Rahab and all the surrounding nations know about Israel?

What did Rahab say about her people? Chapter 2, vs. 9, 11

What did Rahab say about God? Verse 11

Was she speaking just of herself?

God brought the spies to Rahab. Why do you think He did that?

In Verses 12-21, we see that the spies made a covenant with Rahab. What was Rahab's responsibility? What was the spies' responsibility?

God's focus in this story doesn't seem to be on Rahab's past - He doesn't record the details of her past sinful life. He simply tells us she was a prostitute. However, what He focuses on is His dealing in her life in her present situation and how He worked to bring her to faith and the choices He gave her to move forward.

So often today, believers dwell on their past and get stuck there - rather than dwelling on God's work, His grace, and the choices He gives all of us to move forward.

It's interesting however, when God speaks of Rahab after she was saved, both in Joshua 6:25 and James 2:25, He still refers to her as Rahab the harlot. Why?

See, God saves people. Yet He never wants us to forget what He saved us from. Read Titus 3:3.

What does God say about us even after we've been saved? Read the list in the verse.

Now read verse 4-7. What did God do? Why did He do it?

Now go back and read the first two verses of Titus 3. We can see even more clearly that God wants us to remember our past so that we are gracious toward those who are “stuck” in their sin. Not better – just saved from it. However, God does not want us to dwell in our past nor does He want us to share the sordid details – the only reason we are to “remember” is so that we can see others through God’s lens and more clearly see God’s grace in our own lives.

Remembering through the lens of God’s grace is not the same thing as dwelling/rehearsing/living in the past. Paul, in Philippians 3, shows us the balance of remembering our past correctly and then moving forward. Spend some time these next two weeks reading that chapter and asking God to help you understand.

Making it Personal:

How about you? What have you learned from Rahab’s story?

What about your story?

Take a few moments to jot down the answers to the following questions:

- How has God worked in your life up to this point?
- How is He working in your life TODAY?
- What are the circumstances and situations He is orchestrating in your life that are causing your heart to melt?

None of us will probably ever be in the same type of situation as Rahab, yet we all find ourselves in stressful circumstances that God wants to use to draw us to Himself.

He brought you here. You’re not here by accident. The fact that you came is proof positive that God is working in your life.

Read Psalm 40:1-3 and 46:1-3. Share how these verses are comforting and encouraging. Why don’t you memorize these verses in the next two weeks?