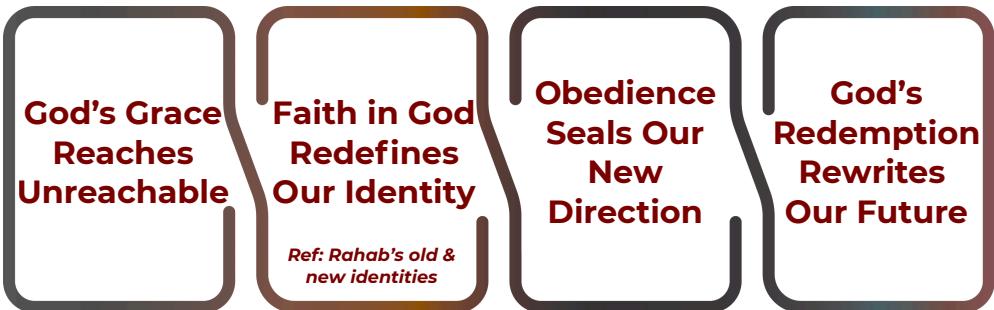




OVERCOME

NO LONGER HAUNTED BY THE PAST

From Regret to Redemption | Joshua 2:1-21; 6:17, 20, 22-25



Rahab's Old Identity – A Life Shaped by Sin and Shame

- 1 A Canaanite pagan — led by culture and idols
- 2 A prostitute by profession — Known in Jericho as Rahab the Harlot
- 3 A woman of social stigma — Looked down upon and marginalized by society
- 4 Living in a condemned city — Jericho was under divine judgment
- 5 Identified by her sin — Her name was attached to her sin ("the harlot"), not her personhood
- 6 Spiritually blind — Unaware of Yahweh's covenant or saving power before hearing of Him
- 7 Hopeless and fearful — She lived under the looming destruction
- 8 Bound by survival instincts — Her actions were self-preserving, not faith-driven
- 9 Without covenant or promise — Outside of God's chosen nation and blessings (Eph. 2:12)
- 10 Defined by her past — Every choice and label tied to what she had done, not who she could become

Rahab's New Identity – A Life Transformed by Faith

- 1 A believer in Yahweh — She confessed, "The LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath" (Josh 2:11)
- 2 A woman of courageous faith — Her faith led to action, risking her life for God's people (Heb 11:31)
- 3 A protector of God's mission — She hid the spies and became an instrument in God's redemptive plan (Josh 2:4)
- 4 Marked by the scarlet cord — A symbol of faith, salvation, and grace covering her home (Josh 2:21)
- 5 Delivered from destruction — She and her family was saved when Jericho fell (Josh 6:22-25)
- 6 Grafted into God's people — She lived among Israel and became part of the covenant community (Josh 6:25)
- 7 Redeemed and restored — Her old reputation was replaced with righteousness and purpose (James 2:25)
- 8 A mother in the Messianic line — Married Salmon, mother of Boaz, ancestor of King David, and of Jesus Christ (Matt 1:5)
- 9 Remembered for her faith, not her failure — Scripture forever honors her belief, not her past sin
- 10 An example of grace to all generations — Her story shows that no one is beyond God's redeeming love (Eph 2:4-9)