



## Rahab, the harlot 002. Who Pulled the Rug out

### Challenge from the podcast:

If you were Rahab, what do you believe would be your greatest victory?

After reading Joshua 2, contemplate the questions below...

Joshua 2:1 says... *Then Joshua secretly sent out two spies from the Israelite camp...*

While this IS about connecting with our Warrior Rahab, I feel it imperative to make this connection with Joshua's experience to get the full story, to see the significance of Rahab's purpose. You see, Joshua had been on one such mission as a spy himself, just 40 years prior, but there had been 12 spies...

#### 10 spies reported:

We entered the land you sent us to explore  
But the **people living there are powerful**  
Their towns are large and fortified.

**We even saw giants there.**

We can't go up against them!

**They are stronger than we are!**

The **land will devour anyone** who goes to live there

All the people we saw were huge.

We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak.

Next to them **we felt like grasshoppers,**

and **that's what they thought, too!**

Numbers 13: 27,28,30

#### Joshua and Caleb reported:

Land flowing with milk and honey

Let's go at once to take the land

**We can certainly conquer it!**

But because of the report of the 10 spies, the people of Israel complained, and the Lord caused them to wander in the wilderness for 40 years.

Joshua was outnumbered and defeated.

**False opinion and negative belief had dominated the minds of the multitude. Certainly this had to be something Joshua would pray against next time.**

Consider Joshua's prayer over the spies as he sent them out...

Could his prayer be for someone to receive them in peace, give them a favorable report about the true hearts of the inhabitants of Jericho? Could Rahab be the answer to his prayers?

#### Rahab's Faith

Rahab certainly held up her **shield of faith** when she let these spies in. Entertaining strangers was a normal part of her profession, but this was different. Hiding these men, then lying to the king's messengers was treason and punishable by death.

Rahab was ready to get up out of the dirt after her rug pulling past. No longer needing to be loyal to the labelers of Jericho, she wanted to belong to that God of the Israelites who would part waters for her too. And now was her chance.

I wonder how long she had contemplated this? Maybe she began to pray with each knock on her door. One day it would be a man of God, sent to rescue her; one of those men from the Israelite camp.

Could it be now, that Rahab's prayers were lining up with those of Joshua's; hers to be rescued and restored, his for safety and a favorable report.

This was the working of God bringing all His people into the promised land.



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Prompted by faith... **the Warrior SHE** was not destroyed along with those who refused to believe, because she received the spies in peace and without enmity.

Are you starting to see that Rahab was put in Jericho... *on purpose*?

God planned Rahab long before her rug ever got pulled. And we need to begin to understand that her misfortune was a targeted move by her enemy... the enemy of God, who was trying to keep her from hiding the spies and passing on a VERY essential message to them.

You see if we know we all have a purpose, then maybe we will see our circumstances a little different. Maybe we will begin to see past them, through them, around them, and over them. They aren't as important as our purpose. And the devil will use our focus on difficult circumstances, even on difficult people in our life, to keep us distracted, sometimes knocked down in the dirt so that we are tempted to never accomplish our purpose.

But no matter Rahab's circumstances... even inspite of them... even because of them, God could use them for His purpose. Because God works all things together for good for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose.

You too have been called for a purpose. Wherever you are. Whether your rug has been tugged a little, or yanked a lot... it's just a targeted move to get you down in the dirt so you don't stand back up to fulfill your purpose.

**Consider how your life has been challenged by circumstance, and write out a prayer asking God to help you to peacefully overcome it through faith.**