



# The R-Rated Story of Rahab

**JOSHUA 2**



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**WELCOME:**

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**Suggested icebreaker:**

Share with other GG members an R-Rated movie that you watched, and your reaction to both the plot and the main characters in the movie.

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**WORSHIP:**

Adoring  
Our God

**Suggested song:**

[Sheltered in the Arms of God](#)

# WORD & WALK:

## Understanding & Applying the Word

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### LESSON AIM

1. GG members will learn that people are not beyond redemption no matter what sins they have committed when they repent and surrender their lives to Christ.
2. GG members will come to know God's immutable character of love, mercy, and compassion.
3. GG members will experience God's faithfulness in never giving up on sinners to return to Him.

### INTRODUCTION

Most of us tend to look down and despise those in the sex trade industry. This is because we believe that it is the cause of moral degradation in society and the spread of venereal disease. We have little understanding of the extreme harsh realities and difficulties they faced each day (or night) as they ply their trade, yet, we are always easy to judge and condemn them for what they do. Instead, let us acknowledge that we are as sinful as they are, and help them leave a life of bondage to sex slavery by showing them the love and mercy of God.

### The character of Rahab and her encounter with the enemy (vv. 1-7)

Joshua sent out spies into Jericho, and they would have been captured by the king's men if it were not for the actions of Rahab.

1. Who did Joshua send and what was their purpose in Jericho? (Joshua 2:1)
2. What was the profession of Rahab in whom the spies found refuge? (Joshua 2:1)
3. What can be seen in the character of Rahab as she hid the spies and protected them from certain death from the King's men? (Joshua 2:4-7)

### Rahab's understanding and belief in the God of Israel (vv. 8-11)

Rahab explained to the spies why she saved them from the king's men. It was because she believed that God was with the Israelites and would give them the land as their possession.

1. How did Rahab profess her knowledge of God? (Joshua 2:9)
2. What did she hear of what God did and the power He displayed that caused her to fear God's might and surrender to His authority? (Joshua 2:10)
3. What was the description given to God by Rahab? (Joshua 2:11)

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### Rahab's plea for her family (vv. 12-21)

As Rahab spared the spies, she requested that they spare her and her family when they would come to attack Jericho.

1. What was Rahab's request to the spies that showed her love and concern for her family? (Joshua 2:12-13)
2. What did the spies promise to do for her family, and what were the conditions given for them to keep to their promise? (Joshua 2:14, 17-20)
3. How did Rahab finally help the spies escape? (Joshua 2:15-16)

### Rahab's blessings for her act of kindness and trust in the sovereign God (vv. 22-24)

Because Rahab trusted in God and acted in faith when she spared the Israelite spies, God blessed her not just by sparing her and her family from death and destruction, but she will be remembered alongside other heroes of the faith.

1. In accomplishing the mission, what did the spies report to Joshua? (Joshua 2:24)
2. Aside from being a woman of ill repute who survived sure death in the hands of the Israelites, what was Rahab's vindication in the years that followed? (Hebrews 11:31)
3. How does the narrative of Rahab inform us of God's immeasurable grace and His love for His creation?

### Application

Regardless of our past sins, the great and awesome God will never abandon us as He continues to call us to a life of repentance and surrender to the lordship of Christ. Jesus is the only source of life, love, hope, and peace. Our God is faithful, and His love for us endures forever.

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### PRAYER ITEM

Our precious Lord and Savior Jesus, forgive us of all our misdeeds and sins against you. We know we are unworthy, but because of your steadfast and unconditional love, we know you are mighty to save wretched and despicable sinners like us. Thank you, Jesus, in your name we pray, Amen. ■



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