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## GOD OF WONDERS

*When the Walls Fall Pt. 2*

**Would you expect a prostitute to be in the genealogy of Jesus?**

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**Matthew 1:1-2, 5 (NKJV)** *The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: <sup>2</sup>Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers <sup>5</sup>... Salmon begot Boaz by **Rahab** ...*

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### **ILLUSTRATION: A HIDDEN STAIRCASE**

A small town awoke at 2 a.m. to smoke pouring from an apartment complex.

Firefighters rushed to the scene.

Parents grabbed children.

People stumbled into the street.

The fire spread quickly.

After everyone was accounted for, one family was still missing.

A mother. A father. Two children.

The flames were too intense ... Nobody could get in.

Then somebody stepped forward.

Not a police officer ... Not a firefighter.

A woman from the neighborhood.

The woman everyone whispered about.

The woman people crossed the street to avoid.

The woman was a prostitute.

And ... She knew the building ... She knew a back stairwell.

She ran through smoke and fire and led the family out.

The next morning, the town had to wrestle with a surprising reality:

The person they thought was the problem became the solution.

⇒ **Rahab's story begins the same way.**

## Where Rahab's story begins...

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**Joshua 2:1 (NKJV)** *Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men ... to spy secretly, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." So they went, and came to **the house of a harlot named Rahab**, and lodged there.*

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## God's plans showed up at Rahab's house.

- An unexpected **place**
- An unexpected **person**.

- A harlot in a **brothel**.

## But ... She knew God was up to something!

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Joshua 2:9–11 (NKJV) [*Rahab*] said to the men: “*I know that the Lord has given you the land ...<sup>10</sup> For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites<sup>11</sup> ... the Lord your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.*”

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⇒ **She opened her doors to a move of God.**

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## 1. HOUSE THE MOVE

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Rahab sets this example at a time when ...

... her city was **shutting its gates** ...

**When Jericho was shutting God out,  
Rahab was letting God in!**

- **ALIGN WITH THE MOVE OF GOD**  
regardless of culture’s response.

**Rahab was not perfect.**

- She made mistakes — THE LIE

## The first, most important thing ...

... you've got to **OPEN THE DOOR** to a **MOVE OF GOD!**

- Rahab's first act wasn't **achieving PERFECTION** ...
  - It was **offering PERMISSION** ...
    - She simply opened the door!

**God is not looking for PERFECTION,  
He is looking for PERMISSION.**

**God enters through doors religion would have locked!**

## So ... **Open the door to YOUR HEART**

- Some people are waiting until they have everything figured out before responding to God.
  - Rahab didn't.
    - She just knew that God was up to something, and she didn't want to miss out!

## **Open the door to YOUR HOME**

- Rahab's aim was to impact her entire family/household.
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Joshua 2:12–13, (NKJV) *Now therefore, I beg you ....<sup>13</sup> spare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.*

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- GENERATIONAL TRANSFORMATION ... **You may be the one!**
  
- Is your HOME a place where God is welcome?
  - She gathered family.
    - Who needs to be brought into the room?
      - Spouse ... child ... friend ... coworker

By Opening the Door to **YOUR HEART** and **YOUR HOME** ...

You are also **OPENING the DOOR** to **YOUR FUTURE** ...

GENERATIONAL TRANSFORMATION

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## 2. HANG THE THREAD

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Joshua 2:18-19 (NKJV) .... *unless, when we come into the land, you **bind this line of scarlet thread** in the window through which you let us down<sup>19</sup> .... it shall be that whoever goes outside the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we will be guiltless. And whoever is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head if a hand is laid on him.*

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## The thread becomes a **Symbol of Covenant**

### The Blood

- **Passover:**  
blood on the **doorposts**.
- **Believers:**  
blood of **Christ**.
- **Rahab:**  
**scarlet thread** in the **window**.

### **RAHAB** brings to mind —

Ref. Eph 2:12-13 “ ... *far away but brought near by the blood* ... ”

Her house was on the CITY WALL

- **IMAGINE ...**

If you align with GOD’S PLAN,

... you can only HIDE for a LIMITED AMOUNT of time.

- Eventually, something is going to happen that COINCIDENCE cannot explain.

**So ... TRUST THE PROMISE**

**Even when it feels like you are HANGING BY A THREAD...**

## ... Even When It Feels FRAGILE

### Hang It Before You Need It

- The walls hadn't fallen yet.
- The battle wasn't over yet.
  - **FAITH prepares before the CRISIS arrives.**

### There's just one issue for Rahab after the walls collapse ...

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**Joshua 6:23 (NKJV)** *And the young men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab, her father, her mother, her brothers, and all that she had. **So they brought out all her relatives and left them outside the camp of Israel.***

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She was IN but she was still OUT.

- SAVED but still in TRANSITION.
  - Dwelling outside the Israelite camp.

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### 3. HOLD THE GARMENT

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**Matthew 1:4-5 (NKJV)** *Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot **Judah** and his brothers <sup>4</sup> .... [multiple generations later] Nahshon begot Salmon. <sup>5</sup> **Salmon** begot Boaz by **Rahab***

**Rahab** married **Salmon**.

- A great great great great son in the lineage of **Judah**.
  - Meaning ... he was of The tribe of Judah
    - – the Tribe of Praise!

**The significance ... Salmon's name means GARMENT.**

⇒ **A Garment of Praise**

Jesus launched his public ministry by reading these words:

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**Isaiah 61:1, 3 (NKJV)** *The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives .... To comfort all who mourn ... <sup>3</sup> To give them beauty for ashes ... The **garment of praise** for the spirit of heaviness ....*

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Many people get saved.

Few people fully embrace a truly new IDENTITY.

**Stop Wearing Yesterday**

Rahab could have spent the rest of her life **introducing** herself under the **heaviness of her past**:

“FORMER PROSTITUTE.”

Instead, she became:

- Wife ... mother ... grandmother .... ancestor of Jesus

**PRAISE doesn't DENY THE PAST ...**

**... it declares MY GOD IS BIGGER!**

**Stop Living Outside The Camp**

**INSTEAD ... just EMBRACE PRAISE!**

⇒ **Marry Yourself To Praise**

When you don't know what else to do: PRAISE.

- When **shame** returns: PRAISE.
- When **fear** returns PRAISE.
- When **old labels** return: PRAISE.

**She HOUSED the move of God.** — She opened her doors.

**She HUNG the thread.** — She trusted the promise.

**She HELD the garment.** — She embraced a new identity.

**The result ...**

## HEBREWS 11: THE HALL OF FAITH

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Hebrews 11:31 (NKJV) *By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe...*

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### ALTAR

Some of us need to:

- **Open the door to the move of God.**
- **Trust His promise to help us stand ...**  
**... when everything around us collapses.**
- **Embrace a new identity in God.**

Because the GOD OF WONDER still takes ...

... UNLIKELY PEOPLE and writes UNFORGETTABLE STORIES

And never forget ...

What **He starts** with GRACE for You....

He intends for **you to finish** with PRAISE to Him.