

December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021



**Bloodline**

One Family. One King. One Inheritance

## Week 3: Rahab: The Inheritance of a Perfected Purpose

*Joshua 2;  
Hebrews 11:31*

Bottom Line: God's purpose is not limited to our past.

### A. Rahab's Reputation

*"Then Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two spies from Shittim. 'Go, look over the land,' he said, 'especially Jericho.' So, they went and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there."*

*Joshua 2:1 (NIV)*

1. Canaanite
2. Harlot
3. Mother

*"Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab,"*  
*Matthew 1:5 (NIV)*

#### 4. Faithful

*"By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient."*

*Hebrews 11:31 (NIV)*

*"In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different*

*direction? As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead." James 2:25-26 (NIV)*

### B. Rahab's Plea

*"Now then, please swear to me by the Lord that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them—and that you will save us from death."* Joshua 2:12-13 (NIV)

1. Rahab's plea for kindness (hesed)
2. Pleaded for kindness for her family.
3. Pleaded for a sure sign.

### C. Rahab's Covenant (Kindness)

*"Our lives for your lives!" the men assured her. 'If you don't tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully when the Lord gives us the land.' So, she let them down by a rope through the window, for the house she lived in was part of the city wall. She said to them, 'Go to the hills so the pursuers will not find you. Hide yourselves there three days until they return, and then go on your way.' Now the men had said to her, 'This oath you made us swear will not be binding on us unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down...'"*

*Joshua 2:14-18a (NIV)*

1. The sectioned wall pointed to God's pinpointed salvation.
2. The crimson cord (tiquaw) offered new life.

### D. What do we do about it?

1. Believe it. Then live it. (Actionable Faith)

### 2. Remember:

- a. Our past is the reason Jesus was born.

Our past is never good enough for salvation and not shocking enough to keep us from it.

- b. God uses those with a past.

What whisper might be keeping you from letting God use you?

- c. God redefines those with a past.

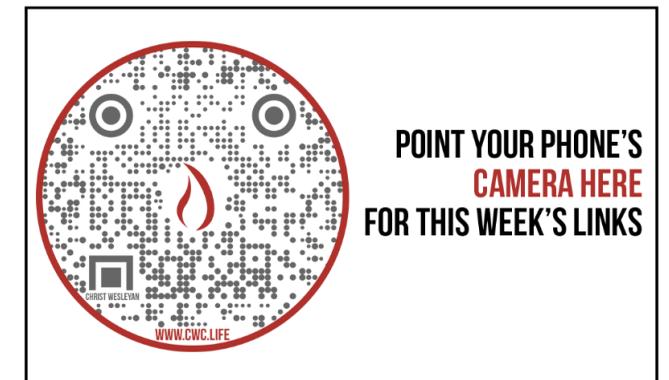
God did not change her before He used her.

Rahab's name in the Jesus family tree shines the purpose and hope of Christmas!

To begin a relationship with Jesus...

Text: I Choose Jesus to 570-273-0088

Next Sunday: Week 4: Joseph: The Inheritance of a Perfected Plan



**Giving & Attendance Update**

**Giving last Sunday: 121.8% of goal**

**Giving year to date: 88.8% of goal**

**Attendance last Sunday: 1,864**

**Salvations to date: 166 | Baptisms to date: 25**