

WOMEN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

RAHAB

Pray and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

Read the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

Begin to answer the questions using your own words.

Questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.

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1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **Miriam** has been helpful to you?

SECTION I: Read Joshua 2

2. a) According to **V1**, what was the mission of the spies?

b) Where did they go, and why do you think they went there?
3. a) What did Rahab do for the Israelite spies? (**V2-7**)

b) Describe the atmosphere in Jericho in **V8-10** and how it culminates in **V11**.
4. Describe the oath made between Rahab and the spies as a result of the "kindness" she showed to them in **V12-14**.
5. What was Rahab's escape plan for the spies in **V15-16**, and how did it work in **V22-23**?

6. What was required of Rahab to make the oath a binding agreement in **V17-21**?

7. a) What surprises you about Rahab considering her background and circumstances?

- b) What role(s) has the LORD given you in spite of or because of your background, past or circumstances?

8. Read **Hebrews 11:31** and **James 2:25**. In what ways do you see Rahab's profession of faith through her words and actions in **Joshua 2**?

SECTION II: Read Joshua 6

9. According to **V1-5**, what was the situation in Jericho, and how would the LORD deliver the city into Israelite hands?

10. a) In **V6-21**, Joshua carried out God's plan. Where was Rahab and her family during this time?

- b) Use creative license and comment on what might have been the scene that week in Rahab's home?

11. a) What instruction did Joshua give regarding Rahab and her family in **V17** and **V22**?

- b) How is Rahab described repeatedly in **V17-25**?

12. a) Note the progression of how Rahab and her family are integrated into the Israelite community in **V23b** and **V25b**. What ultimately happened in **Matthew 1:1** and **1:5**?

b) What do you appreciate about the LORD in Rahab's story and her new legacy?

c) What hope does this give you and why?

13. Write a prayer of thanksgiving regarding the faith and opportunities you've been given or will be given in spite of an unholy past.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. In the Old Testament, God gave Rahab a glorious legacy despite her shameful past. Discover what He did for these two women in the New Testament:

Luke 7:36-50 _____

John 4:4-26, 39-42 _____

2. Read a parable Jesus told, and comment on what He said about prostitutes.

Matthew 21:28-32 _____

3. God is still rewriting the legacies of women today. Read **Psalms 32:1-5** (relating to David's sin with Bathsheba). What is your part in that "rewriting"?

4. Suggested Memory Verse: **Psalms 32:5**

