

Possessing the Promises of the Kingdom

The Ordinary and the Unlikely

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Joshua 2:1-7

Rahab was a prostitute who hid the two Israeli spies making one last survey of the land before they invaded it. Her story is not given just to add drama and excitement to the Biblical narrative. I'm convinced that God can use Rahab's story to show *what He can work through anyone who is available to Him*. You can possess the promises to the Kingdom even when you have "strikes" against you.

Rahab had four strikes against her.

Strike one: Rahab was a _____ not a _____.

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"But the **woman had taken the two men and hidden them**. And she said,

"True, the men came to me, but I **did not know where they were from**.

And when the gate was about to be closed at dark, the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake

them." But **she had brought them up to the roof and hid them** with the

stalks of flax that she had laid in order on the roof."

Joshua 2:4-6

Yet, Rahab was transformed to possess the promises of the Kingdom. Rahab changed both her profession and her ethics as she threw in her lot with God's people. We know she was transformed because:

Rahab is listed _____.

"and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by

Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah," Matthew 1:5-6

Rahab is an example of _____.

"By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies." Hebrews 11:31

Rahab is affirmed for _____.

"And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?"

James 2:25