

Title: "Scarlet Thread"

Text: "According to your words. So be it." (Joshua 2:21)

Target: A "Scarlet Letter" can be transformed into a "Scarlet Rope"

1. Rahab's Reality-Stained Past:

a. **Her Reputation:** *"prostitute" (Vs. 1)*

b. **Her Residence:** *"her house was built into the city wall, so that she lived in the wall" (Vs. 15)*

Discussion Question #1: *How does your past (or the way others see you) impact your belief about how God can use you today?*

Discussion Question #2: *Why do you think God highlights people with messy pasts in Scripture?*

2. Rahab's Recognition-Statement of Faith:

a. **Full of Faith:** *"I know that the Lord has given you the land" (Vs. 9)*

b. **Full of Repentance:** *"as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted" (Vs. 11)*

Discussion Question #3: *What has recently moved your heart spiritually?*

Discussion Question #4: *In what areas of your life do you need to repent and return to God with a soft heart?*

3. Rahab's Rope-Symbol of Salvation:

a. **Scarlet Cord:** *"tie this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down" (Vs. 18a)*

***Tikvah**- belief for a better future and redemption, **HOPE**.

b. **Set Apart:** *"and you shall gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your father's household. (Vs. 18b) *PASSOVER-Exodus 12*

Discussion Question #5: *Who are you praying for or inviting into the safety of God's grace?*

Discussion Question #6: *What does this passage teach us about the importance of spiritual leadership in our homes?*

4. Rahab's Redemption-Story Rewritten:

a. Line of Christ: Great Great grandmother of King David to Jesus. (Matthew 1:5)

b. Hero of the Faith: She's named amongst the giants of the Faith. (Hebrews 11:31)

c. Righteous Deeds: Faith without works is dead. (James 2:25)

Discussion Question #7: *How is your faith being lived out through your decisions, relationships, and habits right now?*

Discussion Question #8: *What is one "step of obedience" God may be asking you to take this week?*

Takeaway: A rope of hope is extended to you in grace no matter your past.

Challenge

Choose one bold step of obedience this week, just like Rahab did when she tied the rope in the window. Examples:

- **Forgive** someone who has hurt you.
- **Start** a spiritual conversation with a friend or family member.
- **Invite** someone to church or your community group.
- **Confess** and turn from a sin you've been holding onto.
- **Write** a letter or journal entry declaring what God has redeemed in your story.