

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)

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)

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

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)

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