

WHO WAS SHE?

She was a harlot, one who was looked down upon by the world. Most of us would be ashamed to acknowledge her as part of our family. Who could be proud of having someone like her in their background?

Lets take a look at Rahab the harlot's life.

The whole City of Jericho had heard of the Israelites and what their God had done for them. They were afraid of these powerful people. The King had given orders to capture the spies of the Israelites. But here is a woman who has heard as all the others in the city of the power of God, but put action to her belief. She took the spies into her home, hid them and lied to the soldiers who were looking for them. She risked her life because of her belief in the power of God. How often are we called upon to put our belief into that kind of action. She also trusted in the integrity of God's people to keep their word. Her faith and obedience was rewarded, how, by the sparing of herself and her whole household.

We learn from this person many would look down upon, the qualities of courage, faith in action, and obedience. Rarely today do we have to run the risks that Rahab did in order to serve God, let each of us look for and find the talents we have been given and put them to use. Make God a part of each day, call a fellow Christian, send a card, buy a few extra groceries to share with those in need, talk to a friend about how God has helped you in your life, teach a class. There is always plenty of the Lords work to go around.

Another lesson we gain from Rahab's story is not to limit God's love and mercy. We sometimes have secret fears that we are too terrible for God to forgive. The Bible is full of those who have done terrible things, yet through repentance and acceptance of God's love, have returned to the haven we have in God's love and forgiveness.

Take a look in the book of Matthew the first chapter and fifth verse, Rahab is listed in the genealogy of Jesus. We see here something unusual women listed in the genology of Jesus. Why did God make sure we had knowledge of some of the women in the genealogy of Jesus? Maybe he wanted us to know that we as women have a place of importance in his work. We can take our faith and make a difference, we can affect those who come after us. God chooses us not for what we are, but what we have the ability, with his help, to become.

If you want to read the story of Rahab the Harlot check out Joshua chapters 2 and 6.
Study God's word it will make you strong.

May the Lord Bless your day.
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