

**Series: Champion of God (4/8/18)**

**Title: Rahab – The Champion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance!**

**Text:** (Heb 11:30-31)

Abel Vs 4 Champion of Worship  
Enoch Vs 5 Champion of the Daily Walk  
Noah Vs 7 Champion of Obedience  
Abraham Vs 8 Champion of Faith  
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Jacob Vs 21 Champion of Brokenness  
Joseph Vs 22 Champion of Forgiveness  
Moses Vs 24 Champion of Choice  
Joshua Vs 30 Champion of Victory

**God uses Ordinary People:**(Heb 10:38) *live by faith*  
(1 Cor 1:26-29)

**God uses Busy People:**

**Moses** had an executive position in his father in law's company (*He couldn't find a job either*)(Ex 3:1)

**Elisha:** Was a busy Farmer! (1 Ki 19:19)

**God uses Imperfect People:**

**God is a God of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance –**

Sampson Blew it, & he got a 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance  
Peter denied Christ, & he got a 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance  
Paul killed Christians, & he got a 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance  
Matthew the tax collector abused his own people,  
& he got a 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance!  
Mark quit the ministry & he got a 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance!  
The most famous, though is RAHAB (Heb 11:30-31)

**Rahab the Who? (He 11:31) She was a Harlot!**

Imagine being known for Eternity as “the Harlot”  
(Heb 12:1) *Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses.*

***If Rahab could take a lap with you, she would say..***

*“From God’s Point of View...*

*Success is not based on where God found you.  
or the Condition God found you in.*

*Success is finishing this life with God.”*

***Rahab – The Champion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance!***

I. **She Believed God:** (Josh 2:9-11)

***Rahab Chose A Side!*** (Heb 11:6) *Believe that He IS!*  
There is no room in God’s Kingdom for a Fence for you to sit on!

***She Took advantage of the 2<sup>nd</sup> chance & changed her life!*** (Heb 10:38) *The just shall live by faith*

***She Turned to the Lord with her whole heart!***

(Joel 2:13) *And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.*

***She did not make excuses about her sin.***

She believed!

***She repented***(Mk1:15) *repent ye & believe the gospel*  
*Illus: 180' change!* (James 4:8)

***It pleases the Lord when we repent!***

(Lk 15:7) *say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.*

(Lk 15:10) *Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.*

***She didn't go back to her old habits:*** (2 Cor 5:17)  
(Prov 26:11) *As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly.*

Repent Means to Turn Away & Forsake it!

**Rehab Received Reverence for Their New Father:**  
(Prov 1:7) *Fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge*

***Versus*** (Rom 3:18) *No fear of God b4 their eyes*

(Jn 8:44) *Ye are of your father the devil.*

(Jn 8:41) *Ye do the deeds of your father the devil.*

(Heb 12:6-8) *Scourgeth every son whom he receiveth*

***Rehab Received A New Father & a New Ethnicity***

(Gal 3:28) *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.*

***A New Father and New Family:*** (Matt 1:2-6)

Nation of Israel,

Tribe of Judah

House of Salmon

Grand Mother of King David

***What did Rehab give up to be a Believer?***

***Becoming a Believer is Not w/o it's Struggles.***

(Mark 10:29-30) *And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, 30 But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.*

(Joshua 6:23) *And the young men that were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel.*

***God also purged her former identity.***

(Deut 21:11-13) *All signs of her former self.*

If their identity is not with the Heavenly Father,  
**There is a Reason.**

## **II. She Lived Her Faith:**

She made a Step of Faith: (Josh 2:4a,6)(He 11:1,2, 6)

She made a Request by Faith: (Josh 2:12-13)

She didn't go back to her old Friends: (Josh 6:23)

(Josh 6:22-25) **She Did right and was blessed for it**  
(James 2:25)

(Ps 15:4) You do right, & God will Bless you, even if  
it costs Him!

## **III. She Found & Fulfilled God's Purpose:**

She got busy serving God, even though the promise  
had yet to be fulfilled!

(Josh 2:19-22)

***She had a Mission:*** Save her family & friends.

***She had a Message:***

*"Get In the House, God's Judgement is Coming!"*

The Message of the Gospel is NOT too complex.

***She didn't let her Past Reputation keep her from  
fulfilling God's Future Will for her.***

Do You think you are the Black sheep of the Family?

***She was an Ex-Prostitute, what is YOUR Excuse?***

Try explaining her profession at the family Reunion!

*"Gee honey, what do you do for a living?"*

*"I am in Personal Human Fulfillment."*

*"Honey, that sounds important."*

*"Some people can't live without it!"*

*"Is it steady work dear?"*

*"Mostly Nights & Weekends."*

***Do you think your Testimony is as bad as hers?***

She is a Recovered Prostitute, What is your excuse!

***She didn't let the guilt of her past mistakes hold her  
back either!*** (Is 43:18-19)

*Saying that You're not good enough,*

*Or you're not able to serve God b/c of your past*

*Is saying the Christ's sacrifice was not enough to  
cover all our sins! **Borders on Blasphemy!***

***We are justified in Christ*** (Titus 3:5-7)

***We are Righteous in Christ*** (Rom 3:22)

***We are Holy in Christ*** (1 Cor 6:9-11)

*Such were some of you, **BUT NOW!***

***Key Word is "WERE"***

***She was not alone when deliverance came!***

(Joshua 6:17) *"only Rahab the harlot shall live, she  
and all that are with her in the house,"*

(Joshua 6:21-23) *She Pulled them from the Fire!*

*(Jude 22-23) And of some have compassion, making a difference: 23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.*

### **God Blessed Her**

**(Matt 1:5) Became part of the Lineage of Christ!**

A Harlot? Yes!

It wasn't her, or her immediate Children, but she changed the course of her descendants and became The Champion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance!

You can be a Champion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance.

God is offering you Forgiveness.

God is offering you a Purpose.

God is offering you a Family.

God is offering you a Future.