



**The Scarlet Thread of Redemption**  
**Lesson 5: Believing, Belonging, Becoming: The story of Rahab**

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**INTRODUCTION:**

Then Joshua, son of Nun, secretly sent two spies from Shittim. “Go, look over the land,” he said, “especially Jericho.” So they went and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there.  
(Joshua 2:1 NIV)

**READING: Joshua 6:22-25 (NIV)**

**22** Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, “Go into the prostitute’s house and bring her out and all who belong to her, in accordance with your oath to her.” **23** So the young men who had done the spying went in and brought out Rahab, her father and mother, her brothers and sisters and all who belonged to her. They brought out her entire family and put them in a place outside the camp of Israel.

**24** Then they burned the whole city and everything in it, but they put the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron into the treasury of the LORD’s house. **25** But Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her, because she hid the men Joshua had sent as spies to Jericho—and she lives among the Israelites to this day.

**TABLE STUDY:**

1. How did Rahab save the lives of the spies? (read Joshua 2:4-7)
2. What was Rahab instructed to do as a sign for when the Israelites returned to capture the city?  
(read Joshua 2:17-18)
3. What is Rahab called in Joshua 6:25? What would it feel like to be called by your sin?  
E.g. Cindy the adulterer, Jane the thief, Mary the gossip.

## **TEACHING NOTES:**

## **TABLE DISCUSSION:**

1. Why do you think it's so important to God that we believe Him? How does it feel when someone doesn't believe you? Do you have an example?
2. Would you be willing to share a time that God has lifted you from a place of shame to a place of restored honor?
3. Why do you think God uses surprising people and unconventional ways to accomplish His purposes?
4. How have relationships with other believers helped to develop your spiritual life?
5. Is there something God might want you to learn from this story that applies to something going on in your life right now?

## **UNISON READING: Ephesians 1:7 [NIV]**

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace."