

Scarlet Threads of Redemption

Read: Joshua 2:1-24

Main Idea: God's redemptive story weaves through the lives of broken individuals, inviting all into His promise of salvation regardless of their past.

Key Verses: “for the LORD your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that, as I have dealt kindly with you, you also will deal kindly with my father’s house.” (**Joshua 2:11–12**)

Key Principles

- No background, sin, or shame disqualifies us from God’s redemptive plan when we turn to Him in faith.
- Saving faith is born when sinners hear what God has done and respond with trust in His power and grace, not in their own goodness.
- Genuine faith always confesses; when God is at work in our hearts, our mouths will openly declare His rule over heaven and earth.
- True faith acts; like Rahab, those who believe will take risks for God’s people and God’s purposes, even when the cost is high.
- The scarlet cord points us forward to the blood of Christ, the only sure sign that God will spare us in the day of judgment.
- God delights in using unlikely people to advance His mission, so we must never write anyone off as beyond the reach of His grace.

Discussion

1. What does Rahab’s confession in verses 9-11 reveal about the nature of saving faith? How does it compare with the way you would describe your own faith in God?
2. Why does God so often choose unlikely or “unqualified” people like Rahab to carry forward His redemptive plan? How does that truth change the way you view your own past?
3. How does Rahab’s risk-taking obedience in hiding the spies illustrate the connection between believing and acting? Where might God be calling you to a costlier obedience this week?
4. How does the scarlet cord hanging in Rahab’s window point forward to the blood of Christ? What does it mean for you to truly rest in Him as your only refuge?
5. How does Rahab gathering her whole family into her house for safety shape the way you should pray for and witness to your own family and circle of relationships?
6. Who is one specific person you will commit to pray for and reach out to this week with the gospel, trusting that no one is beyond the reach of God’s grace?

Prayer

- Pray for hearts to embrace God’s grace and extend it to the broken.
- Pray for:
 - Our church to faithfully proclaim the gospel of redemption through Christ alone.
 - Personal courage to confess Christ openly and live by faith, whatever the cost.
 - Friends, neighbors, and family who do not yet know the saving grace of Jesus.

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Joshua 2

- I. Recognize God's grace toward the broken. 2:1-7**
 - 1. He chooses the unqualified. 2:1-3
 - 2. He shelters the undeserving. 2:4-7

- II. Respond to God's call with faith. 2:8-14**
 - 1. Confess His power openly. 2:8-11
 - 2. Claim His mercy humbly. 2:12-14

- III. Rest in God's promise of protection. 2:15-21**
 - 1. Rely on God's refuge. 2:15-19
 - 2. Trust in God's rescue. 2:20-21

- IV. Rejoice in God's gift of belonging. 2:22-24**
 - 1. Faith advances His plan. 2:22-23
 - 2. Faithfulness confirms His promise. 2:24

NEXT WEEK:
Crossing Over
Joshua 3