



The Harness Devotional

June 8 - June 13

Verses: Joshua 2:4-6, 11; 6:25; Hebrews 11:31; James 2:25).

Joshua 2:4-7 – “But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. She said, “Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from. At dusk, when it was time to close the city gate, the men left. I don't know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You may catch up with them.” (But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax she had laid out on the roof.)”

Joshua 2:11 – “When we heard of it, our hearts melted and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.” (NIV)

Hebrews 11:31 – “By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.” (NIV)

James 2:25 - In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? (NIV)

Song for the Week

"Scars" by I AM THEY, Drew Baldrige, Cheyenne Mitchell

This song shows how God uses our struggles and "scars" to tell a story of His grace, just as He did with Rahab.

Monday - Day 1: The Courage to Choose Sides

Focus: "But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them... she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax." (Joshua 2:4-6) Rahab lived in Jericho, a city marked for destruction, yet she chose to protect the messengers of the God she didn't yet fully know. Faith often starts with a risky choice to align ourselves with God's people.

Opening Prayer: Lord, give me the courage to choose Your side, even when it's unpopular or risky. Help me to be a "hiding place" for what is holy in a world that often opposes You.

Reflection: Is there a situation where I am being called to "hide" or protect something God values, even if it puts me at odds with my current environment?

Tuesday - Day 2: A Fear that Leads to Faith

Focus: "...for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below." (Joshua 2:11) Rahab heard of God's power at the Red Sea and concluded that He was the only True God. While her neighbors were paralyzed by fear, Rahab's fear led her to confession and surrender.

Opening Prayer: Father, let my awe of Your power lead me to trust rather than terror. Thank You that You are the God of both the "heaven above" and my "earth below"—ruling the universe and my daily life.

Reflection: When I see God's power or hear His word, does it drive me toward Him in surrender, or away from Him in fear?

Wednesday - Day 3: Faith Proven by Action

Focus: "In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction?" (James 2:25). James uses Rahab to show that real faith isn't just a "feeling"—it has hands and feet. Her righteousness wasn't found in her past, but in her proactive obedience.

Opening Prayer: Holy Spirit, move my faith from my head to my hands. Show me one practical thing I can "do" today to demonstrate that I truly believe what You have said.

Reflection: If someone looked only at my actions this week, would they be able to tell what I believe about God?

Thursday - Day 4: Breaking the Labels

Focus: "By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient." (Hebrews 11:31) The Bible doesn't hide Rahab's past; it uses it to highlight God's grace. In the "Hall of Faith," she is listed alongside Abraham and Moses. God is more interested in your future faith than your former "label."

Opening Prayer: Lord, thank You that my past does not disqualify me from Your Hall of Faith. Thank You for seeing me for who I am in Christ, rather than who I used to be.

Reflection: What "label" (from myself or others) am I allowing to hold me back from stepping fully into God's calling?

Friday - Day 5: The Grace of Inclusion

Focus: "But Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her, because she hid the men... and she lives among the Israelites to this day." (Joshua 6:25) Rahab wasn't just "saved"; she was "integrated." She didn't remain an outsider; she became a resident of God's community.

Opening Prayer: Father, thank You for the "to this day" moments in my life—where You didn't just rescue me from trouble but invited me into Your family forever.

Reflection: How am I doing at "living among" God's people? Am I actively participating in the community He has brought me into?

Saturday - Day 6: A Legacy of Redemption

Focus: (The Full Narrative) Rahab's story doesn't end in Joshua; she appears in the genealogy of Jesus (Matthew 1:5). Because of her one act of faith, she became the great-great-grandmother of King David. Your small act of faith today can change the trajectory of generations.

Opening Prayer: Heavenly Father, I thank You that You weave our messy stories into Your beautiful plan. Use my life to create a legacy of faith that outlives me.

Reflection: Knowing that my current choices affect future generations, what "seeds of faith" do I want to plant today?