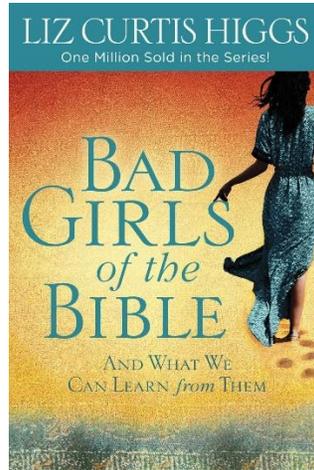


Word by Word with Liz Curtis Higgs on the Faith Radio Network

Bible Study Guide for January 13-14, 2018 | Rahab

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1. Rahab's story shows us the power of redemption and helps us push past our prejudice toward people with colorful pasts, so we can see them simply as sinners saved by grace, just as we are. According to the following verses, how are believers to treat one another: John 13:34-35; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13-15; 1 Peter 3:8. In what ways did Rahab demonstrate those virtues?
2. Even if you don't share Rahab's promiscuous past, there are many points where you might identify with her—or long to be more like her. Which of these admirable qualities most speaks to you and why: her courageous acts (Joshua 2:3-6)? her acknowledgment and fear of God (Joshua 2:8-11)? her concern for her family (Joshua 2:12-13)? her swift obedience (Joshua 2:21)? her glorious redemption (Joshua 6:22-25)?
3. In Joshua 2:8-13, how many times does Rahab use the Lord's name? How do we know that Rahab didn't simply tell these men what they wanted to hear so they would spare her life? Are there clues in her behavior that point to true faith and not falsehood? Romans 10:10 describes the two actions by which we know we are saved. How does Rahab's bold declaration of belief, recorded in Joshua 2:11, demonstrate those two actions?

4. As we read in Joshua 2:17-18, what particular steps of obedience did the spies require of Rahab in order for her to be saved from destruction? According to Joshua 2:21, how did Rahab respond verbally? And how did she obey physically? In both passages, the Hebrew word *tiqvah* is translated as “cord” or “thread.” Elsewhere in the Old Testament *tiqvah* is translated as “hope.” To what is our *tiqvah*—our hope—to be tied, according to Psalm 71:5-6?

5. In James 2:24-25 and in Hebrews 11:31, what is the result of Rahab being obedient to God instead of to her heathen king? What do you find in the following verses to motivate you to obedience: John 14:15? 2 John 6? And what are the benefits of obedience as described in Romans 16:19 and 2 Corinthians 9:13?

6. What’s the most important lesson you’ve learned from the redemptive story of Rahab the harlot?