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Title: A Story of Saving Faith
Text: Hebrews 11:30-31

Saving Faith Begins in The Heart

Rahab believed in Yahweh as Lord of Lords.

Joshua 2:9-11 - and said to them, "I know that the LORD has given this land to you and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. 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.

Romans 10:9 - That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Saving Faith Produces Real Change

Before Rahab believed she lived an immoral life.

Joshua 2:1 - 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.

After she believed she became a new person.

She helped the spies escape.

She became a follower of the Lord. (her household was spared)

She married into the family of Jesus.

Matthew 1:5 - Salmon was the father of Boaz (whose mother was Rahab). Boaz was the father of Obed (whose mother was Ruth). Obed was the father of Jesse.(the father of David)

2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Romans 6:6-7 - For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

Saving Faith Brings Blessings in This Life and For All Eternity

Joshua 2:12-14 - Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and that you will save us from death.” “Our lives for your lives!” the men assured her. “If you don’t tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully when the LORD gives us the land.”

Psalm 103:12 - As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Forgiveness for sin that leads to life eternal.

Romans 10:13 - for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”