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And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.

Joshua 2:21b

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Joshua 2:1-24, 6:22-23

INTRODUCTION

"What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray?"

Matthew 18:12

WHAT IS THE BACKGROUND?

- A. Joshua had taken over the leadership of Israel.
 - 1. Israel arrived in the Promised Land.
 - 2. Joshua dispatched spies.
- B. What were the reasons for the spies?
 - 1. To **survey** the situation
 - a. To **survey** the land
 - b. To **evaluate** the **enemy**
 - 2. For God's plan to unfold

WHO WAS THE WOMAN RAHAB?

- A. She had a list of liabilities.
 - 1. She was a **Gentile**.
 - 2. She was an Amorite.
 - 3. She was a **prostitute**.
- B. But God...
 - 1. He <u>reaches</u> down.
 - 2. He chooses us not for our <u>abilities</u> but because of our <u>liabilities</u>.
 - 3. He draws us in unusual ways.

- C. Rahab acts.
 - 1. Her sense of humor
 - 2. Her ingenuity
 - 3. Her courage
- D. Rahab chooses.
 - 1. She **heard**.
 - 2. She **heard** with her **heart**.
 - 3. She **heard** with **faith**.
- E. Rahab <u>risks</u>.
 - 1. Her life
 - 2. Her people
 - 3. Her acceptance
- F. But God...
 - 1. He accepts her into the **family** of God.
 - 2. He accepts her into the **nation** of Israel.
 - 3. He accepts her into the **lineage**.

THE SCARLET CORD

- A. What was the **story**?
- B. What was the **symbolism**?
 - 1. The **Passover**
 - 2. The Cross

IN SUMMARY...