

Saturday

Please read 2 Corinthians 5:16–17. How has God made you a new creation?

Who are you struggling to see from God's point of you?

As you pray, thank God for the work He has done and continues to do in your life. Pray that you will view people with His perspective and grow to love people as He does.

Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray that God will continue to use our church in this county as a light and beacon of hope.

Prayer Updates

Hospitalized & Surgeries this past week...

Darlene Dyck – RCU, recovery from a fall

Gloria Harris – reoccurrence of pneumonia

Lima Walsh – knee replacement

Marjorie Kiff – knee replacement

Rebecca Franks – RCU

Robert E. Jones – breathing complications

Recent hospitalizations/surgeries: Carl LaMotte, Dennis Garner, George Hurley, Karen Bauer, Luz Nacres, Mary Burns, Michael Turner

Hospice Care: Doug Elrod, Norma Moniodis, Bill Walters, Brenda Leys

Home with the Lord

Please remember the entire Welty family, especially sons Ted and Shag Welty, as they grieve the loss of their mother, **Janiece Welty**, after a valiant, lengthy battle with cancer. A celebration of her life will be Sunday, June 13, at 2pm at Twin Lakes with a dessert reception following.

Charles Whitney, one of our dear shut-ins and a long-time TLC member, peacefully passed into the presence of God.

We want to provide pastoral support...

Please call 831-465-3395 when someone is hospitalized, scheduled for surgery, becomes a shut-in, or in special need. Prayer support is available through our pastors and numerous prayer groups — call 831-689-9400. Please pick up a Prayer Update at the Information Desk or Welcome Center.



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

What do I learn about heroic faith from this very unlikely role model?

1. It's based on _____ not _____

Then Joshua . . . sent two spies . . . "Go, look over the land," he said, "especially Jericho." So they went and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there. *Joshua 2:1*

Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you." *Matthew 21:32 (See Luke 7:36–50, Luke 15:1–2, John 8:1–10)*

2. It starts in the _____ but leads to _____

"What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? . . . 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? As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead." *James 2:14, 25–26*

3. It may start with _____ but ends in _____

[Rahab] 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 . . . 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. *Joshua 2:9–11*

"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 . . ." *Joshua 2:12*

4. It's not about the _____ but about the _____ !

In *Matthew 1:5*, Rahab is named as an ancestor of _____ !
And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. *1 Corinthians 6:11*

Bottom line:

My _____ does not have to determine my _____ !

Daily Meditations

Here's a chance to spend some time each day this week meditating on today's topic!

Monday

Please read Joshua 2:1 and Luke 7:36–50. What did you learn about Rahab's story from last weekend's sermon? How did that impact you?

As we look at the passage in Luke, we all want to think we'd be the woman who cleans Jesus' feet with her tears. Honestly, which person in this passage do you most identify with?

What does Jesus see in this woman that the others do not?

How have you been tempted to base your faith on who you are? How do things change when you base your faith on who God is instead of who you are?

Thank God today that the Bible is full of stories of His power through the most unlikely people. Pray that you will trust He sees your heart and your potential and He has a plan for you. Pray that you will see people the way God sees them.

Tuesday

Please read Joshua 2:4–7 & James 2:14, 25–26. How does Rahab's fledgling faith turn into action?

How do actions encourage and feed your faith?

Write down two work, home or relationship situations where you could put action to your faith this week. How could your faith impact those situations?

Thank God today for the opportunities you have to live out your faith. Pray that your faith will grow both in your heart and in your actions. Ask God to use your actions to encourage those around you and point them towards God.

Wednesday

Please read Joshua 2:9–12. What fears was Rahab struggling with? How were her fears actually healthy in some ways?

What fears are you struggling with right now?

How could focusing on God turn you from feeling only your fears, to feeling secure?

As you pray today, lay your fears at Jesus' feet. Ask Him to replace your fear with security. Pray that your faith in God will increase and overshadow your fears.

Thursday

Please read Matthew 1:1–5 & 1 Corinthians 6:9–11. Rahab, this most unlikely hero, is listed as an ancestor of Jesus — that's sure encouraging!

According to the 1 Corinthians passage, what state are we in before we come to Christ? How does Jesus change all that?

How have you seen the truth of this verse in your life?

When you think about the future, do you tend to see it through your own filter or God's filter? How does that impact your hope?

Thank God today that your future is not dictated by your past but by God's plans for you. Talk about the areas of your life where you struggle to see God's view of the future. Pray for the faith to see your future from God's perspective.

Friday

Please read Hebrews 11:1–2 & 31. Not only does God place Rahab in the line of Christ, she also appears in the faith "hall of fame" in Hebrews 11.

How do you feel "unlikely" to be used by God right now?

Write down two ways Rahab's story has encouraged you this week.

Thank God today that He is in charge. Thank Him for the hope you can have because of His love and power. Pray that your faith in Him will increase as we continue to study God's work through unlikely heroes.



So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view... if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!
2 Corinthians 5:16a–17

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