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## TEACHING SUMMARY

Rahab's story appears at first as bold courage, as she hid the enemy spies and risked death. Beneath the tension, however, something profound unfolds: redemption in motion, personal and step-by-step, mirroring the salvation of every believing soul. Rahab's rescue is not unique. A scarlet cord weaves through it, stretching across time and binding her story to ours. To grasp salvation in living color, watch her closely.

It begins where every redemption story must: Rahab was a sinner. Scripture refuses to soften, rename, or excuse this truth. Her identity as a harlot and woman of the night relentlessly shadows her through the text, because grace cannot be understood until we face harsh reality. She was damned, just as we are apart from rescue. Scripture describes the human heart as darkened, alienated, hardened, hostile, and rebellious, opposed to the Lord. The bad news must land first, or the gospel loses its reason for deliverance.

Her city's condemnation tied Rahab's fate to Jericho's destruction. Judgment swept in without partiality.

Sin leaves us not wounded but doomed—death, separation, an irreversible break from God. Yet in that darkest corner, God saw her—not the crowd, but her—knowing her name and moving quietly, intentionally, to reach the one no one would choose. Redemption always starts with being seen.

Rahab had witnessed no miracles, no parting of the Red Sea, no manna. She had only heard reports of Yahweh. Stories of power and victory that spread through traders and marketplaces. While Jericho trembled in fear, Rahab believed. The same testimony that hardened others awakened faith in her; she surrendered, placing full trust in a God she had never met, certain He was sovereign and victorious. Faith arrives through hearing, not sight or proof.

Awakened faith does not remain silent. Rahab boldly asked, "Save me and my family," with no leverage but belief. She declared God's authority over all things, then entrusted her life to Him, convinced He was both able and willing. Salvation includes that pivotal moment: turning the heart outward in confession and trust.

Her faith proved immediate and visible. She gathered her household, marked her home, and tied a scarlet cord in the window because she believed the promise. Genuine faith always leaves evidence, changing behavior and direction, revealing what the heart holds.

The scarlet cord became her covenant sign, marking her house as untouchable when judgment arrived. It echoed the blood on the doorposts. The destroyer passing over, a promise honored. Safety rested in the covering alone. No other refuge exists.

When Jericho's walls fell, the Lord brought Rahab into his family, and he wove her into Israel's story and, generations later, into the lineage of David and Christ. Grace does not just rescue; it restores, redefines, and rewrites. Her past became the backdrop for redemption's brilliance.

Her story still asks: Is the scarlet thread enough for someone like her, with that past, that reputation? Yes, for those who believe. A woman with a broken life trusted a God she had only heard of, staking everything on His promise. He did not fail. He pulled her from judgment, adopted her into family, and placed her in His redemptive narrative.

If God would halt everything to save one soul in Jericho, how much farther would He go for you? All the way to the cross! No matter how great the sinner, He is always the greater Savior.

