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MOMENTS FROM THE MOUNT

“Refuse to Regret”- Lesson # 3

Look at your handout dated **10/29/20** (the very first lesson that we taught), go to the top of **p. # 4**, and that’s where we will pick up!

Now, let’s look at a woman in the bible that *could have* lived her entire life-time under a *cloud of regret*. She represents all of us, for we all make mistakes; just not the same ones.

Satan is an equal opportunist. He gives each of us the opportunity, to live the *rest* of our lives, with a *spirit of regret* **controlling** us.

DOCTRINAL POINT: Jesus has set you *free* from the *spirit of regret*.

a). **John 8:36-** If the Son therefore shall make you **free**, ye shall be **free indeed**.

- **Rahab**

Listen, everyone **judged** Rahab for what she was, a prostitute. They talked about her, looked at her funny, because of what she was. And she “**regretted**”, what she had become.

But no one had enough **love** for Rahab to ask, “**How** did she become what she was?” You see, she never told that her uncles, and first cousins raped her when she was five years old. And continued to do it all the through her teenage years.

And that she grew up thinking, that that was how people showed love, and the way for her to be loved. As she continued to grow, and way into adolescence years, the *hole in her soul* was so empty. She was so despised and hated by her family (nobody ever

reached out to her in love), *sex* became *her way*, of at least having someone to show her some attention; and making her feel that she was of worth to somebody.

We “talk” about people, but we never “ask” about people.

I’m wondering, do you know any Rahabs? People who have made mistakes, but no one *cares* enough, or *love* enough, to at least ask, “what could have possibly happened to her so very long ago?”

So, lets take a close look at this woman:

If you were a stranger in Jericho, just about any man on the street could tell you how to get to Rahab’s house. This woman had probably done twice as much than we have done, *before* her 18th birthday.

Nearly every time her name is mentioned in the bible, her *profession* is also listed. Her reputation was wide-spread. No one refers to *you* as, Shelia the nurse, Ronald the trainer, or Carlos the plumber. But this sistah was so tough, she was KNOWN by her profession:

1). Joshua 2:1 (AMP)- Joshua the son of Nun sent two men as scouts secretly from Shittim, saying, “Go, view the land, especially ^[a]Jericho [the walled city].” So they went and came to the house of **a prostitute** named **Rahab**, and lodged there.

2). Joshua 6:22-23; 25-²² But Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, “Go into the **prostitute’s house** and bring the woman and all that she has out of there, as you have sworn to her.”

²³ So the young men, the spies, went in and brought out **Rahab** and **her father** and **her mother** and **her brothers** and everything that she had; they also brought out **all her relatives** and allowed them to stay outside the camp of Israel [at Gilgal during the time required for ceremonial cleansing].

Just **imagine** how her daddy must have felt. *Every man* in town knew *his* daughter. This was his *baby girl*. He had saved and planned for her to attend Jerusalem Junior College!!! Her mother had to hold her head down in shame every time she shopped at the Food Giant Store called Goliath! **Imagine** the embarrassment of her brothers: all of their friends “*knew*” Rahab. And picture the embarrassment all of her other relatives.

²⁵ So Joshua spared **Rahab the prostitute**, with her **father's household** and everything that she had; and she has lived among Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers (scouts) whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

3). James 2:25- Rahab the prostitute is another example. She was shown to be right with God by her actions when she hid those messengers and sent them safely away by a different road.

4). Hebrews 11:31- It was by faith that **Rahab the prostitute** was not destroyed with the people in her city who refused to obey God. For she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

The sister had such a bad **reputation**, and a *past* that was full of **regret!!!** She only had **ONE** friend:

5). Luke 7:34- The Son of Man,..... a friend of tax collectors and other **sinner!**

SHOUTING POINT: God can take what it took you *40 years* to mess up, and turn it around in *one* day.

The two spies that showed up at Rahab's house, were the first two strangers that ever knocked on her door that didn't want *sex*. They were actually there to provide her with *safety*. This encounter changed Rahab!

Finally, someone showed her some respect. She felt like a person of value again. She had been far from a lady, that she knew. But at least now she once again felt like a person.

1). Matthew 1:5- And Salmon begat Booz of **Rachab**; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse;

NOTICE, SHE IS NO LONGER REFERRED TO AS A PROSTITUTE!

How many prostitutes do you know, who can say that they are personally related to **Jesus**? She was the great-great grandmother of **King David**.

“Regret” is no longer attached to her. Now she is **“royalty”!**

