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Rahab ~ Hebrew name meaning "Wide, Spacious" Joshua 2 and 6

Being Blessed When You Feel Unworthy

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"But Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her, because she hid the men Joshua had sent as spies to Jericho—and she lives among the Israelites to this day" (Josh. 6:25).

Have you ever felt unworthy of being used or blessed by God? If so, you're not the only one. We all have times when we look back at bad situations God has brought us through or sins that we still struggle with and feel guilty about. The enemy takes advantage of those feelings and tells us lies like, "Your sins are too great," or, "God can't use you." We've even looked at others at least once and compared our walk with God to theirs. But I'm here to tell you that we all fall short of God's glory. None of us are worthy of getting blessings from God, but He loves us despite that and shows us grace and mercy.

There are plenty of people in the Bible that were unworthy of God's blessings, but God still used them to be part of a bigger plan. Take Rahab for example. She was a prostitute, but God used her gift of helping to hide two spies that had come to take over the land she lived in. Because of that, she eventually became part of the same bloodline as Jesus. No matter what you've been through or what you've done, you can still be used by God.

If you are feeling so unworthy that you don't even want to spend time with God, this is when you need to talk to Him the most. He wants us to cast all our anxieties and worries onto Him, so spend private time with God and read the Word. If we have repented of our sins, why should we worry? He paid a price on the cross so that we would no longer be slaves of sin. So I encourage you to walk in that freedom He gave us. Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past, for the Lord makes all things new.

Let's pray: Lord, I pray that You would take away the guilt and shame from past mistakes and help your daughters remember that they are made new creatures in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen