

Daily Devotional

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Theme: The Gospel of "Do Over."

Text: "By faith-because she believed in God and his power-Rahab the harlot did not die with all the others in her city when they refused to obey God, for she gave a friendly welcome to the spies. (Hebrews 11:31 TLB)

Thought: Do you ever wish your life was like your word processing program? Those things that you don't like you could just highlight and delete. Many of us live with memories from our past that we wish were not there.

The beauty of God's love and grace is that we have the opportunity to start fresh and clean each day with the Lord. No matter our past or what others might think, by faith we can accomplish great things in the Lord's kingdom.

Rahab is an odd entry in the "Hall of Faith," because she was a Gentile and a prostitute. But she demonstrated her faith in God by welcoming the spies and by trusting God to spare her and her family when he destroyed the city. Rahab's faith was rewarded: she and her family were saved. Even more important, she became an ancestor of Jesus. We read her name in Matthew 1:5-she was the mother of Boaz. Rahab's faith, despite her past sins, is contrasted with those who refused to turn to God and obey him. God's work in history is not limited by human failures or sins, and he works through ordinary people. Just as God used all kinds of people to bring his Son into the world, he uses all kinds today to accomplish his will.

Prayer: Father, thank you for the cleansing blood of your son and the ability to be a new creation. Help us to walk by faith each day in the light of your truth. Use us to accomplish your will today. In Christ's name. Amen.