

Vision of Strong Families

LCH MISSION AND VISION

Our hearts desire is to **CONNECT**, **EQUIP**, and **EMPOWER** you to bring the life of God to your world resulting in:

- Transformed Lives
- **Strong Families**
- Bright Communities

On the Horizon

- > Quarterly Family Fusion
- > Annual Parenting Conference That Focuses On:
 - Raising kids with faith in a digital world
 - Discipline that builds character
 - Building emotional health in families

On the Horizon

- > Marriage enrichment and equipping:
 - Annual marriage conference
 - Date night events
 - Marriage mentoring for younger couples
 - Counseling partnership
 - Preparing singles for marriage

On the Horizon

- > Family Outreach Events:
 - Family fun day
 - Back to school family festival
 - Fall family night
 - Parenting resource fair

On the Horizon

- > Digital Family Discipleship:
 - Weekly family devotionals
 - Parenting podcasts
 - Short discipleship videos
 - Family prayer guides

On the Horizon

- > Raise the Next Generation of Leaders:
 - Youth/Young Adult leadership development
 - Mentorship Programs
 - Internships in ministry
 - Discipleship pathways for students

2 Corinthians 5:17, NKJV

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Rahab: From A House of Shame to the Hall of Fame

I. Her Sinful Status

Joshua 2:1, NKJV

Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men from Acacia Grove to spy secretly, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." So they went, and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab, and lodged there.

1. She was a harlot

2. She was a woman in a world in which women were often mistreated, devalued and taken for granted

3. She was a Gentile, a foreigner, raised in a pagan religion

II. Her Transforming Faith

Joshua 2:2, NKJV And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, "Behold, men have come here tonight from the children of Israel to search out the country."

Joshua 2:3, NKJV So the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered your house, for they have come to search out all the country."

Joshua 2:4, NKJV Then the woman took the two men and hid them. So she said, "Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from."

Joshua 2:5, NKJV And it happened as the gate was being shut, when it was dark, that the men went out. Where the men went I do not know; pursue them quickly, for you may overtake them."

Joshua 2:6, NKJV (But she had brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order on the roof.)

Joshua 2:7, NKJV Then the men pursued them by the road to the Jordan, to the fords. And as soon as those who pursued them had gone out, they shut the gate.

Joshua 2:8-9a, NKJV Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof, and said to the men:

Joshua 2:9b, NKJV “I know that the Lord has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you.

Joshua 2:10, NKJV For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed.

Joshua 2:11, NKJV And as soon as we heard these things, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for the Lord your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.

Joshua 2:12, NKJV Now therefore, I beg you, swear to me by the Lord, since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness to my father’s house, and give me a true token,

Joshua 2:13, NKJV and spare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.”

Joshua 2:14, NKJV So the men answered her, “Our lives for yours, if none of you tell this business of ours. And it shall be, when the Lord has given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with you.”

Joshua 2:15, NKJV Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the city wall; she dwelt on the wall.

Joshua 2:16, NKJV And she said to them, “Get to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you. Hide there three days, until the pursuers have returned. Afterward you may go your way.”

Joshua 2:17, NKJV So the men said to her: “We will be blameless of this oath of yours which you have made us swear,

Joshua 2:18, NKJV unless, when we come into the land, you bind this line of scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you bring your father, your mother, your brothers, and all your father’s household to your own home.

Joshua 2:19, NKJV So it shall be that whoever goes outside the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we will be guiltless. And whoever is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head if a hand is laid on him.

Joshua 2:20, NKJV And if you tell this business of ours, then we will be free from your oath which you made us swear.”

Joshua 2:21, NKJV Then she said, "According to your words, so be it." And she sent them away, and they departed. And she bound the scarlet cord in the window.

James 2:24, NKJV You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

James 2:25, NKJV Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way?

Joshua 2:23, NKJV So the two men returned, descended from the mountain, and crossed over; and they came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all that had befallen them.

Joshua 2:24, NKJV And they said to Joshua, "Truly the Lord has delivered all the land into our hands, for indeed all the inhabitants of the country are fainthearted because of us."

Joshua 6:22, NLT Meanwhile, Joshua said to the two spies, "Keep your promise. Go to the prostitute's house and bring her out, along with all her family."

Joshua 6:23, NLT The men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab, her father, mother, brothers, and all the other relatives who were with her. They moved her whole family to a safe place near the camp of Israel.

Joshua 6:25, NKJV So Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute and her relatives who were with her in the house, because she had hidden the spies Joshua sent to Jericho. And she lives among the Israelites to this day.

III. Her Unlikely Legacy

Hebrews 11:31, NKJV By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.

Matthew 1:5-6, NKJV Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David the king.

Joshua 24:15, NKJV Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."