



Rahab – your past is not your verdict

AT A GLANCE



Bible

Joshua 2:8–14; Hebrews 11:31; Matthew 1:5



Topic

Grace and a new identity



Takeaway

God writes history with people others write off



10–15 minutes



Object: a red rope



Preparation: 10 min



indoors or by the fire



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "Grace and a new identity". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

2 min

Opening

Put the red rope in the middle. Ask: Are there labels people can never get rid of – at school, in town, online?

3 min

Bible text

Read Joshua 2:8–14. Rahab – a foreigner whom the Bible calls a prostitute – hides the spies and confesses: "The Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below." The red cord in the window becomes the sign of her rescue.

5 min

Thought

Rahab had a reputation she could not shake off. But God saw her faith. In the letter to the Hebrews she is listed among the heroes of faith, and in Jesus' family tree she is named. God does not pin people down to their past. Whoever comes to him gets a new story – and that should change how we see others too.

5 min

Conversation

Which label would you like to get rid of – or which label do you stick on others?



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Prayer to read aloud

Jesus, you do not see my past first, but me. Thank you for your grace. Help me not to pin others down to their mistakes either. Amen.

To think further

- Why does the Bible mention Rahab's past so openly?
- How can we as a group give people a second chance?

For leaders

- Leave room for doubts and critical questions – an honest conversation matters more than a quick answer.
- As a leader, feel free to share a personal experience.
- With heavy topics, keep an eye on who is struggling and be available afterwards.

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