

## **Sermon Listening Guide (September 14, 2025)**

**Scripture:** Joshua 2

**Sermon Title:** “The Shady Lady”

### **First Thoughts**

Joshua 2 allows for a character sketch of a woman named Rahab.

Her people inhabit a land that God has promised to others.

Is there a place for Rahab in God’s new nation?

### **Her Past was Inconsequential (Verses 1-3)**

Spies sent by Joshua to Jericho are quickly discovered by Rahab and the king of Jericho.

Rahab is an idol-worshipping prostitute.

Despite the histories of “messy people”, God calls us to be fishers of men and women.

God uses the strangest and least likely people sometimes.

### **Her Faith Brought Salvation (Verses 4-16)**

How should we view her lies that protect the two spies?

Her faith leads to good deeds and ultimately to her salvation.

Sometimes our faith is problematic and imperfect.

May people who are rough around the edges are still seeing their faith grow.

We should never celebrate sin, but sometimes people are slowly moving towards God.

### **Her Faith Gave Her a Future (Verses 17-21)**

Because of her scarlet thread, Rahab has a bright future.

Rahab is eventually mentioned several times in the New Testament.

Did you notice that she is in Jesus’ lineage?

### **Final Thoughts**

In church, we often view people as insiders or outsiders.

We must move past first impressions when new or unknown people come to our church.

God calls ALL people to have faith in him.