

Red Ropes & Reputation Pastor James Heyward

Have you ever thought that your name, your history, or what people say about you has already locked in your future? The story of Rahab turns that thought upside down.

Read Joshua 6:2:1-21 and Joshua 6:17-25.

- 1. What type of reputation did Rahab have?
- 2. Before Rahab met the spies, what type of future did she have to look forward to?
- Faith Over Reputation Reputation does not have to determine your future. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17 and Ephesians 4:22-24.
 - 3. How can your reputation affect your future?
 - 4. How can relying on faith rather than your reputation change your future? Share an example from your own life if you have one.
- Red Ropes Mark New Stories. Reread Joshua 2:15-21.
 - 5. The spies, and God knew which house was belonged to Rahab. What did tossing out the red rope/cord symbolize?

- 6. Do you have a symbol of faith that you need to throw out to God, to act upon?
- Grace plus Faith Rewrites Stories God's part, grace; Our part, faith. Read Hebrews 11:31 and James 2:25.
 - 7. Are you carrying around an old reputation/ an old label? Write it down, cross it out and write 'Redeemed!'
 - 8. How has grace and faith rewritten your story?
 - 9. Is there someone you know who feels weighted down by an old reputation/old label share with them that God rewrites stories.