

## Rahab's Decision (Jos. 2:8-21)

I have many thoughts regarding mankind. Prior to the pandemic we had more than 30 congregation members close to more than 100 people gather at the place of worship. At that time I was never so concerned with the number of believers who would come to worship. In the past when there were at least 30 believers who were at the place of worship I never once thought to myself that it was a small number. I saw that as the norm so I never once thought to myself that it was a small number so I was very thankful to God for that. But these days I have the thought that after the pandemic has taken place many believers are not coming to the place of worship and that is my concern. I see that there are a few believers that are not at the place of worship, there are a few empty spaces, and I think to myself that maybe they have caught COVID or have been exposed to COVID but despite that there is one thought that I have one thought. God is reminding me once again am I trying to be in charge of the church? Once again I was reminded am I being so concerned as if the church belongs to me why am I being so concerned about it. When I first came to this church that was the first message God gave to me. It was God's message that he gave to me at that time during the hardships of my pastoral ministry. Why are you trying to be in charge of the church? That is when I was able to truly surrender before God and I told God that I will entrust all things to you. That is when I came to realize father God in all the doors that you lead me to I will just simply follow after that and testify the gospel. Once again I was able to organize in my heart. On Friday I raised my voice during the sermon. I repented before the Lord and I came to realize in my heart that I will entrust everything to the Lord and it is God who is in charge of the church. Today's message is entitled the choice of Rahab and Rahav is not your average woman. This is a very important message. The bible tells us the answer. If you have the answer there are no concerns. If you have the answer then you will be healed from all depression. If you have the answer, the words of others do not matter. It is because you have the answer. Through the story of Rahab who was a prostitute God testifies this is the answer. To summarize it all for you mankind must live by the covenant. All mankind suffers from problems because of the problems of Genesis chapter 3. There is no one who is able to escape or avoid the curses of original sin. That is when Satan is at work and who can ever defeat Satan on their own? This is the cause of all problems that is why everyone must live by the covenant. If you truly hold onto the covenant God will truly be at work. May today be the day where you truly hold to the covenant. Rightfully if you half heartedly hold to the covenant you will not go to hell but you will be at great loss. There is no reason for you to live that life. Inside the covenant contains authority. All the forces of darkness are bound to crumble. There are many questions. Why is it not taking place for me? It is because according to God's time schedule in that perfect time all the forces of darkness will crumble. Undoubtedly this will take place so please do not be discouraged. You have been set free from all curses of hell. It's not only that your life will continuously be restored.

From that moment to which you go inside the covenant will be the true start for you. You can't do anything according to the time schedule because you are within God's hands and he holds to the time schedule. That is how God will be your complete God till the very end but when that time comes upon you, you will be liberated from all. All the forces of darkness are bound to crumble and I shared my testimony with you in the past. My anxiety that I faced for thirty years continuously came upon me, but one day that time came to me. It has been thirty years to which I have been healed from that anxiety but one day that anxiety came upon me so I was not able to sleep. I woke up during the night and went to early morning prayer. Yet that anxiety was upon me for five years. I had no reason for my anxiety, for 5 to 10 minutes after I woke up I was okay but after that anxiety came upon me throughout the day. I was in an uproar. I continuously prayed but yet nothing happened. It was so hard for me especially in the morning because of my anxiety. When a phone call came I was so bothered to even answer it. I do believe I raised my hands as I prayed to the Lord for thirty seconds to ten seconds. I did that ten times and that was when God completely healed me from my anxiety. What's more important is the content of your prayer, the word of God that you hold onto as you pray. I prayed to God to please restore my health so that I can be used to testify the gospel. There's nothing much that I did while I was driving. I simply raised my hands and prayed to the Lord and that was when God completely healed me. Of course mankind goes back to their old nature. After I was healed two years passed. I went to physician elder Peter Lee and I went to go get a physical examination. When I had my physical examination in Korea there was a little problem that I had in me. Within my throat and towards my digestive system I had a problem and was in much pain so I thought to myself that I must be ill. I was anxious and in agony and pain because of it so from time to time I had a little mat where I would kneel down and pray to the Lord but that's when God gave me a realization. God reminded me of the past in which I raised my hand and told God that I want to be used for the sake of the gospel. Of course during those times I was going to testify the gospel and God had been opening the meetings upon America and Latin America. Yet I completely forgot the heart God gave to me. Rightfully so I must be able to truly connect with God so that I'm able to truly do His work. I told God in tears how it is possible that I completely forgot the time where I surrendered myself to you to be used to go and testify the gospel. The American system to go and get a physical examination is that you have to take three weeks to go to the hospital. In the Korean system you can go on that day and meet the doctor right away but for the American system you have to wait a couple weeks. Later on I got my examination results and they said that everything was cleared so I thought to myself where is this pain coming from? God was utilizing that pain to remind me once again, "Don't ever forget the heart that I have given to you." God was reminding me, "I healed you of your pain because of your prayer to me. That is why, never forget what you have shared with me." So I repented before the Lord and planted that word inside of my heart again. Of course, because of the pan-

dem, I cannot go out and full-force go out and testify the Gospel. That is why I planted that mission in my heart once again. When you are enjoying the life of the covenant, God will lead your life. This promise is contained inside of Christ. It is perfectly and eternally inside of Christ. How amazing is that? And we all believe in this truth. We all believe that this is the fundamental covenant of Jesus Christ that is able to overturn all the curses of life. May the blessing be upon you so that you can deeply enjoy the covenant. There is no need for you to full-force fight the spiritual battle. When you just simply enjoy the covenant and God will allow you to fight the spiritual battle and have complete victory. Satan will undoubtedly be broken down. You will be liberated from all. It's not just to the extent to which you are healed. He will liberate you from all. You will have conquest. May this blessing be upon you. Joseph was able to see his life be overturned from being a slave to a governor. When Moses was leaving Egypt through the wilderness, he saw miracles arise. Especially for Moses, he continuously gave the sacrificial offering to the Lord and headed toward the land of Canaan that God told him to go to. Everything else was within God's hands. God told us, "Hold onto the precious blood of Jesus Christ as your covenant and head towards world evangelization." Through Moses's life story, he gives us the message that your life will be just like Moses's when you follow after the covenant. Apostle Paul went through so much suffering because of the Gospel. Yet, he was the person that was able to overturn world history. Who was able to do this? How is it possible that he was used to change the history of the world? It's truly amazing. There is no answer greater than this. We are following the same path as well. We are the church that will be used to write the new history of the world. Never forget this. We are the church that will be greatly used to write a new history of saving the churches of America. It will surely be done. There will be many disciples that will be raised in Latin America. And because of those disciples, many people will be able to hear the Gospel in America. This is the reason why I continuously tell you to pray for the Ensenada conference. Pastor Ricardo said that at least fifty to sixty people will gather and at least ten of the pastors and missionaries are American pastors who will be visiting. This is an important start for us. We never know what will take place. I simply raised my hand and prayed to the Lord a couple times, and he completely healed me from all my anxieties. That was when Satan was completely cast away. Only when that time comes. What will happen if that time is now? You must think about it and pray. When you enjoy Christ in your life, this will be the result. It is Christ, isn't it? All the curses and problems that originated from Genesis 3 and the work of Satan are solved by Jesus Christ. May you come to your senses and open your eyes and hold onto this. That is why you should not nitpick with the Lord, asking, "God, why am I not receiving answers?" when this is God's standard. You should not be complaining about why your life is as it is. You should not complain and ask why you're not receiving answers to prayers. Undoubtedly, it is because you are not firmly holding onto the covenant. I told a young adult I met on the street, "I have the answer to your life. What do you think about this?" It is the same thing

for you. You do not firmly hold onto the covenant. You are holding onto it half-heartedly. There is only one answer God has given to you. It is simple, clear, and sure. And everyone must live by this answer. Especially for the Remnants, may you start holding onto this covenant. Then your life will undoubtedly be one of miracles. You can live the life of Moses. You can live the life of Rahab that was completely overturned.

### **1. The Lord Your God**

Rahab was a prostitute. Yet, what did she choose? She chose God. Today's Bible scripture is a record of the walk of faith of a prostitute who was able to overturn her life. Rahab is the grandmother of David. And the renowned Ruth that we all know is her daughter-in-law. It's amazing. And just as a prostitute would, she made a clear choice. She had lived such a difficult life, yet she made the right decision as a committed worker. Even when she spoke with the spies, she came to a clear decision. She was a person that was able to take action right away. That means she came to the answer. She came to the conclusion that God is the answer, God's desire is the answer, and God's people are the answer. She never hesitated in choosing God and His desire. And her confession to the men was so clear. She told them, "Our hearts melted. For the Lord your God is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. We have completely come to our senses after we witnessed what you did at the Red Sea and the Jordan River." That's why in verse 12, she says, "As I have dealt kindly with you, you will also deal kindly with me." And she said, "I want to have faith with you, so swear to me by the Lord." She also said, "That's not enough for me. Give me a sure sign." She had assurance. She was a prostitute so she must have been conned many times by others. With her life experiences, she came to a clear decision. That is why she said, "Swear to me by the Lord that, as I have dealt kindly with you, you also will deal kindly with me." And she said, "Give me a sure sign. It is not enough with just words." She was a sure person. Of course, she might have been ashamed of herself before her father and siblings because she was a prostitute. But because of her, her family lived when the Jericho walls crumbled when even the livestock were put to death. It was completely overturned because of her. Rahab chose God and His people. She did not even think twice about turning against her own people. She never once second-guessed her decision. She simply chose God. She came to the answer that it could never be done with her own efforts. I believe this is one of the traits of those that have hit rock bottom before. They come to a clear decision and never look back. This is the trait of a committed worker. A called committed worker of God doesn't look at anything else. They simply choose God. They end everything with the conclusion of God. Take a look at Elisha. He came to the answer, put everything on fire, and burned it all. It is the same for Apostle Paul. He was able to go the next day and testify that Jesus is the Christ. They may have their own thoughts. For the Israelites, they may have taken that temple very lightly considering all of the miracles like the crossing of the Red Sea and

the Jordan River. They may have the thought that even if they received the manna and quail, they can defeat them. There are those that are anxious and are caught up in their own thoughts even if they can't defeat others. But Rahab was different. It was all by God's grace so she came to a clear decision. She staked her life to help the spies. She put it into action. If she got caught, she would have been put to death, but even if she did nothing she would have died. Either way, she would have died. She quit the calculations because she lived a difficult life. All of the livestock were put to death, but her family and family line was saved. What is the message? "You must live this life." There are so many people and words that can make things take place despite the situations and circumstances. May you not be deceived by that because God is alive. God is alive even now. God is your Father God. He is the Creator. He has given you a promise. That is the covenant. With this, you will be able to solve all problems that you face. You must have faith in this those who have true faith in this are those that have faith. May the blessing be upon you.

## 2. Scarlet Cord

The scarlet cord was a promise. The scarlet cord determined the life of Rahab and her family. This cord signifies Jesus Christ. Verse 12 states, "Now then, please swear to me by the Lord...Give me a sure sign." The sure sign was the scarlet cord. Verse 21 states that "she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window." This was a life or death matter. She was able to tie it. She was a committed worker. The thieves reply in Verse 18 and 19, "unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you have brought your father and mother, your brothers and all your family into your house. If any of them go outside your house into the street, their blood will be on their own heads; we will not be responsible. As for those who are in the house with you, their blood will be on our head if a hand is laid on them." They drew a clear line. There is only salvation upon the house that puts up the scarlet cord that signifies Jesus Christ. On the night when they placed the blood on their door post, the curses passed over them. It is the scarlet cord that saved Rahab and her family. For those who hold onto the covenant of Jesus Christ, they will experience a continuous overturning in their life. It doesn't stop with one prayer, but should continuously take place. So may you hold onto the covenant. It is not easy for this to take place. But yet, I tell you to do it again. You simply mouth it and confess it, but it does not come from the bottom of your heart. May you continuously confess the covenant. One day, the true confession will be given to the Lord. You must go to that extent. How ashamed must have they been of Rahab? But because of their daughter and sister who was a prostitute, their family line was saved. It is only her family that was saved during the time of the Jericho wall. It was a war that put all lives to death, including young children. Take a look at Rahab, who desires to live the life of a prostitute? She had her own reasons as to why she lived like that but she left the thing of the world and chose God. That

decision allowed her to receive the answer of uniqueness. Everyone but her family was put to death. All of the livestock were put to death, but her family lived. It is the same as Noah. Only his family line lived. It is the same message in the end times. The message is that everyone will be put to death, but you will be saved because you have the covenant. Rahab became the grandmother of David. Ruth was not an average woman. She was the daughter-in-law of Rahab. They were able to go hand-in-hand. Just imagine the word forum that they shared together. It was a tremendous and historical forum at the time. They chose the covenant of only to the point in which they received the answer of uniqueness. They received the eternal answer of Recreation. This was a great opportunity for Rahab to overturn her life when the Israelites invaded Jericho. People were in an uproar and were scared to face their death, but Rahab took it as an opportunity to save her life. The world was overturned. Those that criticized her were put to death. It was a perfect opportunity for Rahab. She never forgot this. What is the message that God desires to relay to you? This is the covenant. This is the precious blood of the cross. "For the sake of your life, I have died for you." This is your covenant. Don't suffer on your own with your own efforts, you must hold to the covenant and enjoy it. Why do you try to suffer? Simply hold to the covenant and trust all things to me. Always choose the covenant. Always choose God's desire. Then, you will live the life of Rahab. Why do I record the story of Rahab in the Bible? God desires for you to live like Rahab. Your life will be overturned like her life was overturned. This is the message for you all. Hold onto the covenant once again. Firmly and truly hold to the covenant. That is the start to it. Everything else will take place and you will not do anything else. Simply follow after the work that God will do through you. That is why I confess that "I will follow the way that You open for me." Those that are giving worship at home, just give worship at home. If you are tired, don't come to church. Simply give worship at home, enjoy your meal, or lay down during worship. It is because the church belongs to the Lord, there is nothing I should be concerned about. Why would I suffer with my own efforts trying to fix the church? There are those giving worship out of state. Many times, the elder forgets that there is an assistant pastor giving worship through the online service at Chicago. I believe that the assistant pastor has joined us at this time. For those who are given worship out of states, may you enjoy this time of worship. Whether you are giving worship as you are lying down or eating a meal, may you firmly hold to the covenant. Do you firmly believe in this? Do you truly believe that God has given you one answer to all of the problems that have come from the fundamental problems? And that it is Jesus Christ and his precious blood. If you believe it, put it into action to write it because it is difficult for you to confess it. Please write it down and confess that He is my Christ and the precious blood that saved me. Write down your prayer. If there are any bible scriptures that hit your heart, write it down. What is the end goal? To have the deep root of Jesus Christ in your heart. That is when the true start begins. Where do you head towards? World evangelism and to save America. In the past, I always second guessed if

America could be saved. But after God opened the doors to save America, my thoughts have changed. It has been ten years since we held onto the prayer to save America, the Americas, and Latin America. I have been praying for four years for God to open up the doors of America. But God has changed my thoughts. I believe God is at work and He will and can do it. When He does it, what will take place? God has changed my thoughts. It is the same for Latin America. There was a request for me to guest speak in Venezuela and Cuba for they will gather pastors to listen to this gospel. In the past, when I prayed for Latin America, I prayed for the gospelization to be upon pastors. When I write down covenantal prayer, I write down personal prayer topics. I do believe now is the time. They said that they would gather the pastors and I must simply testify the gospel. Nicaragua has around 200-600 that would gather. Venezuela would gather at least 300 pastors. Cuba has a place for 400 people to stay. What would happen if He opened the doors for the pastors in America? We must go hand in hand with RU if these doors open. If God continuously opens these doors, we must commission Pastor Kim to teach them the gospel. If the headquarters knows of it, then Pastor Ryu may visit himself. America is very important. If we can be used as a church that can testify the gospel to save the churches of America, we have received the answer worth 100 years. If America is being evangelized, Latin America will follow after. Where has this all been coming from? It began the moment God questioned if you are holding onto Christ as your covenant. In the past, if someone asked me what I do my pastoral ministry with, I answered that I did it through Christ. May you hold onto Christ. That is the greatest wisdom. If you live with something other than Christ, you may be smart but it is all in vain. Through the Bible, God explains this. God tells us that the precious blood of Jesus Christ is the answer to your life. God reminds us everyday so that you do not forget. God tells you that you forget everyday, so you must not forget. He knows it may not be easy, but you must write it. God tells you to write it one time, 10 times, or 20 times. Write that Jesus is my Christ, the Son of the Living God. Then the end will come. God will overturn your life like He overturned Rahab's life. If we are able to testify the gospel to the churches of America, that is the answer of uniqueness. Are there any other churches that are able to testify the gospel to the churches that have lost hold of this in America? To be honest, I am not fluent in English or have graduated in America, so when an English speaking pastor speaks to me, I become anxious. I lack the ability to speak fluent English. Even basic English is confusing and I am lost. When it comes to testifying the accurate gospel from the Bible, I am able to testify it, with the few amount of vocabulary, I am able to testify the gospel. I may not know many English words, but this may be beneficial, because it can be more powerful. This is the English God allowed me to use. I have learned the language from the field. It began in 2004. It is the message that even if everything is put to death, you will be saved and will live. All those who face death or fail will be an opportunity for you. The world will perish but that will be the greatest opportunity for you to hold onto the covenant and overturn it all. Problems and

crises are a great opportunity for you. That is the message of Nobody and Nothing. There is much evidence in the Bible. It is the covenant that overturns all circumstances and surroundings? Is there anyone that does this on their own? No, but that is because God moves all incidents according to those that hold to the covenant. You must believe in this. Even your mistakes will turn into blessings. God will give you the path of refugees so that you do not fall within curses. What is that way of refuge for you? What did God say it is for you? It is the covenant. It is the precious blood of Jesus Christ which is the scarlet cord. That is God's ultimate goal from the start. It is that for even those that hold onto the covenant, even within problems and crises, it will all be overturned as long as they hold onto the covenant. That is what the covenant is from the start. That is why through the covenant, you can save the age and others. You must have faith in this. You must have faith that when you hold onto the covenant, the answer of uniqueness will be upon you. The blessing of Recreation will be put upon you. There is much evidence recorded in the Bible. We have many witnesses reciting this answer as well. May you take a look at those around you and hold onto the covenant. May you have victory in conquest in advance to the extent that you can save the future. I believe that is possible for you. When the term, "in advance" was spoken, I did not understand but I believe that Reverend Ryu used this term because he experienced this first hand. That began when he enjoyed the covenant. Answers will be upon you and changes will be on the rise. Even if you are not in the future, you will have the complete conviction that you have complete victory in the future. You will have complete victory and conquest in advance. May God's greatest blessing be upon you.