

Hello! This is Dorothy -

I would like you, please, to take your Bible if you have one, and turn to the **Book of Joshua**. I am going to be reading today from the Revised Standard Version. As you are turning to **Joshua**, I am going to be reading from **chapter 2**.

1 And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittum as spies, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." As they went, they came into the house of a harlot, whose name was Rahab, and lodged there.

2 And it was told the king of Jericho, "Behold, certain men of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land."

3 Then the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring forth the men that have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out the land."

4 But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them, and she said, "True, men came to me, but I did not know where they came from;

5 And when the gate was to be closed at dark, the men went out; where the men went I do not know; pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them."

6 But she had brought them up to the roof, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order on the roof.

7 So the men pursued after them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords: as soon as the pursuers had gone, the gate was shut.

8 Before they laid down, she came up to them on the roof;

9 And said to the men, "I know that the Lord hath given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you.

10 For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you went and came over out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites, that were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed.

11 And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no courage left in any man, because of you; for the Lord your God is he who is God in heaven above, and on earth beneath.

12 Now then, swear to me by the Lord that as I have dealt kindly with you, you also will deal kindly with my father's house, and give me a sure sign,

13 And save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death."

14 And the men said to her, "Our life for yours! If you do not tell this business of ours, then we will deal kindly and faithfully with you, when the Lord gives us the land."

15 Then she let them down by a rope through the window,

for her house was built into the city wall, so that she dwelt in the wall.

16 And she said to them, “Go into the hills, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers have returned; then afterward you may go your way.”

17 The men said to her, “We will be guiltless with respect to this oath of yours, which you have made us swear.

18 Behold, when we come into the land, you shall bind this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down: and you shall gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your father’s household.

19 If any one goes out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be upon his head, and we shall be guiltless; but if a hand is laid upon anyone who is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head.

20 But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be guiltless with respect to your oath which you made us swear.”

21 And she said, “According to your words, so be it.” Then she sent them away, and they departed; and she bound the scarlet cord in the window.

In summation of that reading from **Joshua chapter 2**, her hope of deliverance for herself, Rahab the harlot, was according to the scarlet cord she put in the window. She obeyed what she had been told to do. Not only had this cord saved the lives of those who had

escaped by this from her window, but that cord would save her life.

That cord speaks of the Blood of Jesus, the sacrifice for you and for me. We thank God it is possible that you, too, can be saved today. Do write and ask how.

In Jesus ' Name. Amen.