

22-0508am - A True Token - Aaron Roberts

HEBREWS 11:30-31

- » 30 † By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.
- » 31 † By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

TOKEN

Something serving to represent or indicate some fact, event, feeling, etc.; sign: a characteristic indication or mark of something; evidence or proof:

JOSHUA 2:1

- » 1 † ¶ And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there.

58-1228 WHY.LITTLE.BETHLEHEM_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-19 N-13 SUNDAY_

- « 49 † And we find out that it was also became the home of the harlot Rahab. When Israel had passed over the borderline of the Jordan river, into Palestine, we are acquainted with the story of Rahab the harlot. Let's picture her this morning for a few minutes now as a--a young lady, a beautiful young woman whose some misfortune in life had been forced in, being a pagan, had been forced into the life that she was living. And many times people are forced into the life that they live.

JOSHUA 2:2-9

- » 2 † And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to night of the children of Israel to search out the country.
- » 3 † And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house: for they be come to search out all the country.
- » 4 † And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they were:
- » 5 † And it came to pass about the time of shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: whither the men went I wot not: pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them.
- » 6 † But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof.
- » 7 † And the men pursued after them the way to Jordan unto the fords: and as soon as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate.
- » 8 † ¶ And before they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof;
- » 9 † And she said unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.

59-1004E WHY.CRY.SPEAK_ CLARKSVILLE.IN SUNDAY_

- « E-20 † I'd like to make mention of one woman that I think of in the Bible, and she was bad to begin with, rotten to the core: a young beautiful woman by the name of Rahab. She was a heathen to start with, and she was a prostitute on the street. **But she heard that there was a God, not an idol that set dumb, or a declaration of creeds, but a God Who lived among His people and anointed them, and signs and wonders was following them. She heard about it.**

One day two representatives come to Jericho. (And quickly...) Her on the street as a prostitute, she called them took them into her house, said, "They're after you." And she hid them. And I like her attitude. She never said, "I'll believe when I see the great anointed Joshua do some sign. If I could've seen Moses do some of the signs, I would've believed." But she said, "I have heard." Faith cometh by hearing, hearing of the Word. "I have heard that the God of heaven, Who is the real God, is with you all, and He's done great signs and wonders. He dried up the Red Sea; He brought plagues upon Egypt. We see how He had turned the enemy over to your hands, and our whole country is trembling because of it. I'm asking mercy."

JOSHUA 2:10-24

- » 10 † For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.
- » 11 † And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.
- » 12 † Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the LORD, since I have shewed you kindness, that ye will also shew kindness unto my father's house, and give me a true token:
- » 13 † And that ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.
- » 14 † And the men answered her, Our life for yours, if ye utter not this our business. And it shall be, when the LORD hath given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee.
- » 15 † Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house was upon the town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall.
- » 16 † And she said unto them, Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way.
- » 17 † And the men said unto her, We will be blameless of this thine oath which thou hast made us swear.
- » 18 † Behold, when we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household, home unto thee.
- » 19 † And it shall be, that whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood shall be upon his head, and we will be guiltless: and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand be upon him.
- » 20 † And if thou utter this our business, then we will be quit of thine oath which thou hast made us to swear.
- » 21 † And she said, According unto your words, so be it. And she sent them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window.
- » 22 † ¶ And they went, and came unto the mountain, and abode there three days, until the pursuers were returned: and the pursuers sought them throughout all the way, but found them not.
- » 23 † So the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all things that befell them:
- » 24 † And they said unto Joshua, Truly the LORD hath delivered into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the country do faint because of us.

55-0119 THIS.GREAT.WARRIOR.JOSHUA_ CHICAGO.IL WEDNESDAY_

« E-40 † Now, look. He said, "I'll send you a sign. There'll be a Pillar of Fire will lead you all the way. You just follow it; it'll take you." That's right. And they got right up there, and the Pillar of Fire turned in to be a Man. He said, "I'm the Captain of the host of the Lord." Said, "We've come this far. Now let's go on."

Now, there was all that great land before them, all military men. And now the Captain of the host of the Lord, He was a military Man too. So He said, "Now, Joshua, now don't you fear. I'll be with you, and no man can stand before you all the days of your life."

Oh, my. Joshua said, "Now, we're going to see what the land looks like." So he sent out some spies. They went, and the harlot Rahab hid them through the night. I want you to notice another thing. Watch what taken place when they were up there, harlot Rahab's house.

Harlot Rahab, she hid them under this flax on top of her roof, sent the men out of the gates, and come back and said, "Look." Said... Now, watch how God's a moving, to take this encouragement back to Joshua. He said, "All this country fainteth because of you." Said, "We have heard what the Lord has done for you." Amen. I just love that. Don't you worry. God's got a good time coming by and by.

"All the country is afraid of you. When we heard that the Lord dried up the Red Sea and let you cross, drowned Pharaoh's army, give you food by manna out in the wilderness, and put a brass serpent up for an atonement. He done all these things for you. And I knowed what you done destroyed the Og, and--and the other kings. I seen what you did, utterly destroyed. And when we heard this and you were headed our way, we just fainted. There's no more courage left in no one."

55-0119 THIS.GREAT.WARRIOR.JOSHUA_ CHICAGO.IL WEDNESDAY_

« E-41 † When they come back and told that to Joshua, I can imagine whirling that sword, say, "Glory to God, He's before us." Amen. What made them faint? What made them so fainty when they were way bigger? "Why," they said, "we look like grasshoppers up beside of them." How could they faint? They were setting behind big walls with big slings and rocks and everything, and spears and everything, outnumbered them by the thousands times thousands and thousands, they outnumbered them. Certainly they could. They were all united together. "Why can't we run that bunch, little handful of little bitty, old tiny scrubby looking men with old sickle bars and things to fight with? They're not even military men at all, the only thing they are, walking along there with little old sandals on, not warriors, they're campers and dwellers and fanatics and holy-rollers. Well, why can't we... Standing down on the banks and shouting and screaming, bringing disgrace... Well, why can't we armor ourself and go against them?"

But there was nothing in their hearts. Why? God said, "I'll send My fear before you." Amen. There it is. "I'll send My fear before, for you're My people, My covenant people. I've called you by election. I have chosen you. I have put you into the body and you're circumcised. Now you're believers. And you go on; I'm with you. It's all yours."

60-0911M AS.I.WAS.WITH.MOSES.SO.I.WILL.BE.WITH.THEE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-16 N-2 SUNDAY_

« 103 † I want to draw a picture. Maybe it isn't right, but I want to make a point by it. We have no history of Rahab. We know that she was a prostitute. Let's think she was raised in a home that was real poor, and she became ill-famed. And she's a beautiful young woman. She went into the streets to make her crippled mother and father a living; no way for her to work, only sell the morals of her body. But I can imagine, all the time, she knew that was wrong. There was something in her, told her, "Now, that's not right to do that." She knew it wasn't.

One day she heard that there was a God that was moving. Her heart begin to tremble. She found a messenger from that great move, that told her what was going to take place. What did she say? Now, Joshua had signs; Joshua had the same signs that Moses had, exactly. So when he... Rahab didn't ask to see Joshua's sign; she just heard: A type of the church, a type of the true church that's been pulled the way of prostitution. "I'm a Methodist today, a Baptist tomorrow, a Presbyterian the next day," pulled away in prostitution.

60-0911M AS.I.WAS.WITH.MOSES.SO.I.WILL.BE.WITH.THEE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-16 N-2 SUNDAY_

« 106 † But all of a sudden, a little preacher enters the city and said, "There's a God that lives, that lived yesterday, and is the same today. His power is just the same. He does the same works that He did when He was here on earth." His agents are on the road.

Now, Rahab the harlot, known as a harlot, she was a type of the believer today, the real believer. She didn't say, "Now, I hear that--that Joshua can do signs, because he's the successor of Moses. I'd like to see those signs. And if I could see those signs, then I'll believe it." Well, he didn't absolutely have to show those signs, because she believed it anyhow. She wasn't a Thomas. She believed it.

60-0911M AS.I.WAS.WITH.MOSES.SO.I.WILL.BE.WITH.THEE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-16 N-2 SUNDAY_

« 120 † This great harlot Rahab become a believer. I took her history here not long ago. After she was considered and brought into the faith, because of her belief in God, she was brought into Israelite faith, a proselyte. She courted a general in the army, of the Israelite army. Watch what God did for that woman. And they had a... They moved up in Bethlehem, and they had a son; and this son, they called him Boaz. Out of Boaz, he married Ruth, from Ruth and Boaz come Jesse; out of Jesse come David; out of David come Jesus. Hallelujah.

Why? "Faith cometh by hearing, hearing of a God that's God of heaven and earth, and believing on Him." Believing what? The commission that God had given to a man named Joshua, believing that commission.

63-0901M TOKEN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-19 SUNDAY_

« 301 † Anyone knows anything about the Bible, knows that that harlot was predestinated. She sure was! She didn't... The Bible said, "She perished not with them who believed not." That's right. But she believed the message of the hour.

302 And God give her a sign, by His messengers. Said, "Take a scarlet, red streak and tie it on your..." Said, "Remember, if you don't tie that streak there, or leave it there, what we've escaped by, we're not responsible for our oath." And said, "If you are out from under it, we're not responsible." Oh, my! "Rahab, every predestinated seed in here, you get out there and go to hunting them. Get your daddy, your mother! For, we've just come out, under that atonement, down in Egypt, and everything that we didn't have under that token perished. Rahab, I'm giving you a sign. It's a token. And I say, in the Name of the Lord, as to say, if you will put that! I'm acquainted with that, with the messenger. I'm acquainted with the angel of wrath, Joshua. He's God's destroying messenger. I'm acquainted with him, and he knows that there has to be a token sign. And you hang that there, and I'll assure you. I take oath." And God took oath, too, that what was out from under it would perish, and all that was under it would live.

63-0901M TOKEN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-19 SUNDAY_

« 303 † And now, the same oath is today, the same thing, see, "I will not let you perish with them who doesn't believe the Message." And they...

304 She had heard the works had been done, and she believed it. But, about, she was... Her and her father, and a couple of brothers, or something, was the only one believed it, in the whole city.

63-1214 WHY.LITTLE.BETHLEHEM_ PHOENIX.AZ V-9 N-9 SATURDAY_

« 47 † Now, Joshua, in dividing up the land, give this little spot to Judah. Many of you, I--I got some places here jotted down to where it sets at, but we're all aware of that, where it sets up in the corner. And it was just a little place that they give it, Joshua, in dividing the land, give that to the tribe of Judah.

48 And now when Israel come over the river of Jordan, now try to catch this, when Israel crossed over into the land, the promised land, there was a Gentile woman that we know as Rahab the harlot. And she asked for mercy, and she received mercy, she received mercy as long as she stayed under that scarlet cord. And that's the only way she could have mercy. It was a sign, a token that was given her.

49 We have a Token today, also, and we're safe as long as we stay under our scarlet cord, the Blood of Jesus Christ. As an individual, not a group, an individual, we each must stay under that scarlet cord of the Blood of Jesus Christ.

62-0121M AND.THY.SEED.SHALL.POSSESS.THE.GATE.OF.HIS.ENEMY_ PHOENIX.AZ SUNDAY_

« 204 † Joshua, looking at the promise of God, said, "We're more than able to take it." That's right. And when he come down to the Jordan, what did she do? She gave away. Amen. That's it. He possessed the gate of the enemy. That Jordan was keeping him back from going over and taking that promise. But when he got down there, he was the Seed of Abraham. Why? He believed God's Word. That's the only way you can be a Seed of Abraham, is to believe God's Word. And then what did he do when he come down to where he was ready to take the enemy? God opened up the gate, and he possessed it, took it, went over.

62-0121M AND.THY.SEED.SHALL.POSSESS.THE.GATE.OF.HIS.ENEMY_ PHOENIX.AZ SUNDAY_

« 205 † When the first battle, his first conflict he had with them, the walls was so big they could run a chariot race on top of them. How is he going in to get them? They run from him, got back inside. The enemy will do, too. "But you'll take the gate of the enemy."

206 Said, "Lord, what must I do?" He walked around, one afternoon, meditating. He seen a Man standing with His sword drawn. Joshua pulled his sword, said, "Are You for us? Are You for our enemy?"

He said, "I'm the Captain of this host."

"What must I do?"

207 "March around it, thirteen times. Sound a trumpet. You'll take the gate of the enemy."

208 She fell down. Yes, sir. Why? He was a Seed of Abraham, that kept the Word of God. He taken every gate that come to him. Certainly.

JOSHUA 6:15-20

» 15 † And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times.

» 16 † And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city.
» 17 † ¶ And the city shall be accursed, even it, and all that are therein, to the LORD: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.
» 18 † And ye, in any wise keep yourselves from the accursed thing, lest ye make yourselves accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.
» 19 † But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated unto the LORD: they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.
» 20 † So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

53-0329 ISRAEL.AND.THE.CHURCH.5_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN IC 129-147 SUNDAY_
« 85 † When Moses fail, Joshua saw that Pillar of Fire move, said, "Come on, children, we're on our road." He brought them up there to the side of Jordan. Oh, when I think of that, how beautiful... He said, "Now, before we cross over, we'll let a couple of spies slim--swim over."

You know the case of harlot, the Rahab, Rahab the harlot, rather, how she let the scarlet clothes down and saved her house. By faith she saved the day; she saved her and her household. All the walls fell but her part, because there was a red streak on her door.

JOSHUA 6:21-25

» 21 † And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.
» 22 † But Joshua had said unto the two men that had spied out the country, Go into the harlot's house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that she hath, as ye swear unto her.
» 23 † And the young men that were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel.
» 24 † And they burnt the city with fire, and all that was therein: only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.
» 25 † And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Israel even unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

63-0901M TOKEN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-19 SUNDAY_

« 307 † These fellows went in there, these messengers, and--and caught that predestinated seed that believed. She used her house for a church, to receive these messengers. They wouldn't let them in them churches. No, sir. See? So she...
308 They won't let you, either. They kick you out if you say anything about It. Yeah. See?

They got all in her city, that would believe, under the token.

309 That's exactly what we better do today. If you want some loved one saved, you had better get them in right now. See?

63-0901M TOKEN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-19 SUNDAY_

« 310 † When God's wrath destroyed that big city, the token sign held her house safely. Amen. What? The sign was on her token... Or, the token was on her house, when the rest of the city shook to the ground. What was it? What was it? Joshua, the messenger of God! God Himself recognized His messenger's message. Amen! It proved it. It proved it. They recognized the message. He recognized His messenger's message. And when all the rest of the city shook down, there stood Rahab's scarlet token over the door, and the rest of them was gone.

311 Then, right straight up went the destroying angels and destroyed everything that was in the city, not even a piece of goods was left. One took out a piece of goods, and had to perish with it, out of that denomination. Took the whole thing and destroyed it! "Cursed be the man that ever tries to build it. His firstborn will die when he starts," and so forth. God cursed it like that, that big thing that rejected the gra-... the message of grace and mercy, thought they were safely secured.

63-0901M TOKEN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-19 SUNDAY_

« 312 † Many people thinks, today, "Because I belong to the church, I'm safely secured." Don't you believe such nonsense.

313 When, "The blood shall be a token unto you." The Spirit now is the Token unto you, the Life that was in the Blood.

MATTHEW 1:5-6

» 5 † And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse;

» 6 † And Jesse begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Urias;