

REDEMPTION, HOPE & HEALING



questions for reflection

series: "Redemption, Hope & Healing"

The Bible tells the stories of many broken, damaged and dented people. Some were murders, thieves and liars, while others were prostitutes, cowards and hypocrites. The Bible recounts the stories of people whom, despite their failures and faults, God still loved and used in order to tell his story of grace, mercy and forgiveness. This summer we are going to retell these stories and seek to understand how God can bring redemption, hope, and healing into our own lives.

part 4:

"Rahab: A New Direction"

by Chip Anderson on Tuesday June 30, 2009

What events or people from your past have shaped you for the better?

Rahab was a woman of questionable morals and character. She was not someone you would think would end up being a model of Christian faith.

- What does her standing as a person of faith in the New Testament (Hebrews 11:31 and James 2:25) reveal to us about God?
- Can you think of any other people of questionable morals and characters that Jesus interacted with? What was the outcome of these interactions?

The point of telling Rahab's story was to show that our past (no matter how ugly or tragic) does not have to define our future.

- What in your past (choices, events or people) has defined who you are today?
Why?
- What role can the grace of God play in this?
- Do you think forgiveness, change or acceptance is possible despite these influences?
What would this look like for you?

In what ways do you think you fit or don't fit within the Christian subculture?

- At TNL?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17:

- What does new life in Christ look like for people?
What is the old that could go?
What is the new that could come?
- What baggage from your past do you need to get rid of in order to experience this new life?
- What does new life in Christ look like for you?
- What will it take for you to fully experience this new life (an offer or acceptance of forgiveness, expression of faith, reconciled relationships, counseling, etc)?
- If you understand or have shared this kind of transformation, who can you share your story with?