# YOUR STORY: MORE THAN A POST

#### I. <u>Heb 6:9-12</u>

- A. <u>Confident</u> *peitho* To be convinced, certain, come to believe, persuaded
- B. <u>Better things</u> *kreisson* Better, greater advantage, superior to.
  - 1. **Positive life stance** Overall frame of reference or looking at things
    - a) <u>Attitudes</u> Negative attitudes produce negative feelings
    - b) <u>Assumptions</u> Negative assumptions lead to negative response.
    - c) <u>**Expectations</u>** Negative expectations lead to negative results.</u>
  - 2. We cannot control what happens to us but we can control how we respond to what happens to us.
- C. <u>Ministered</u> *diakoneo* Humble service; to serve instead of being served.
- D. Show endeiknumi Indicate by word or act; demonstrate or make known.
- E. <u>Diligence</u> *spoude* Eagerness, focus, best effort
- F. Hope elpis Expectation or confidence
- G. <u>End</u> *telos* The point aimed at as a limit; conclusion of something.
  - 1. <u>2 Cor 8:10-11</u> "...a readiness to desire it, so there also may be a completion..."
- H. Sluggish nothros Lazy, slow to hear, understand or be involved
- I. <u>Imitate</u> *mimetes* Follow as a pattern, model or example
- J. <u>Faith</u> *pistis* Persuasion, belief, conviction
- K. Patience makrothumia Emotional calm in the face of misfortune & w/out complaint
- L. <u>Inherit</u> *kleronomeo* To <u>receive something</u> of considerable value as a gift from someone which has not been earned
- M. **<u>Promises</u>** *epaggelia* The content of an agreement or announcement.

#### II. Joshua 2 - Rahab - From Harlot to Hero

- A. <u>Harlot</u> *zanah* To commit adultery; wanton; without restraint or limitation. Scandalous
  - 1. **<u>Rahab</u>** Name means broad, large or wide
  - 2. One of the 4 most beautiful women in the Bible; Rabbinical & Jewish tradition
- B. <u>V3-7</u> Rahab chooses sides; takes the risk
- C. <u>V9-11</u> What she has heard causes her to believe
  - 1. James 2:25-26 Faith without works is dead.
- D. <u>V13</u> Rahab chooses God, chooses life
  - 1. John 11:25-26 "... whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

- E. <u>V15</u> Rahab lived on the wall (fence)
  - 1. Josh 24:15 "...choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."
- F. <u>V17-19</u> Scarlet cord represents life. Without it, she dies
  - 1. <u>Scarlet</u> *shaniy* Crimson, color of blood
    - a) **Ex 12:22-23** LORD will see the blood and passover you
- G. Josh 6:17 Rahab and family spared
- H. Josh 6:22-25 She escaped the fire because of the scarlet cord.

## III. From Harlot to Hero

- A. <u>**Heb 11:31**</u> 31 By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.
- B. <u>Matt 1:5-6</u> 5 Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, 6 and Jesse begot David the king.

### IV. Summary

- A. What is your story? It is more than a moment, an event or circumstance.
- B. Are you going to be defined by where you are now or are you convinced of better things?
- C. Do you need to get off the wall and leave your past behind?
- D. Maybe what you are doing now is not who you are?