## YOUR STORY: MORE THAN A POST

## I. Heb 6:9-12

A. Confident - peitho - To be convinced, certain, come to believe, persuaded
B. Better things - kreisson - Better, greater advantage, superior to.

1. Positive life stance - Overall frame of reference or looking at things
a) Attitudes - Negative attitudes produce negative feelings
b) Assumptions - Negative assumptions lead to negative response.
c) Expectations - Negative expectations lead to negative results.
2. We cannot control what happens to us but we can control how we respond to what happens to us.
C. Ministered - diakoneo - Humble service; to serve instead of being served.
D. Show - endeiknumi - Indicate by word or act; demonstrate or make known.
E. Diligence - spoude - Eagerness, focus, best effort
F. Hope - elpis - Expectation or confidence
G. End - telos - The point aimed at as a limit; conclusion of something.

H. Sluggish - nothros - Lazy, slow to hear, understand or be involved
I. Imitate - mimetes - Follow as a pattern, model or example
J. Faith - pistis - Persuasion, belief, conviction
K. Patience - makrothumia - Emotional calm in the face of misfortune \& w/out complaint
L. Inherit - kleronomeo - To receive something of considerable value as a gift from someone which has not been earned
M. Promises - epaggelia - The content of an agreement or announcement.

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

A. Harlot - zanah - To commit adultery; wanton; without restraint or limitation. Scandalous

1. Rahab - Name means broad, large or wide
2. One of the 4 most beautiful women in the Bible; Rabbinical \& Jewish tradition
B. V3-7 - Rahab chooses sides; takes the risk
C. V9-11 - What she has heard causes her to believe
3. James 2:25-26 - Faith without works is dead.
D. V13 - Rahab chooses God, chooses life
4. John 11:25-26 "...whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"
E. V15 - Rahab lived on the wall (fence)
5. 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. V17-19 - Scarlet cord represents life. Without it, she dies
6. Scarlet - 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. Heb 11:31 31 By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.
B. Matt 1:5-6 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?

