



# Believer

## or

# Beguiler

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Things about  
the widow

**1.**

**She had nothing to  
give to Elijah**

**2.**

**She lived in  
Zarapeth of Sidon**

**Elijah dared to  
be bold!  
WHY??**

**1.**

**He represented not  
only his hunger but  
God's authority**

**2.**

**His request was a  
test of her faith**

**JOSHUA 2**

**VERSE 1---15**



**Then Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two spies from Shittim. “Go, look over the land,” he said, “especially Jericho.” So they went and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there.**

**2 The king of Jericho was told, “Look, some of the Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land.” 3 So the king of Jericho sent this message to Rahab:**

**“Bring out the men who came to you and entered your house, because they have**

**come to spy out the whole land.”**

**4 But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. She said, “Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from. 5 At dusk, when it was time to close the city gate, they left. I don’t know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You may catch up with them.” 6 (But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax she had laid out on the roof.)**

**7 So the men set out in pursuit of the spies on the road that leads to the fords of the Jordan, and as soon as the pursuers had gone out, the gate was shut.**

**8 Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof 9 and said to them, "I know that the Lord has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you.**

**10 We have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea[a] for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed.[b] 11 When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.**

**12 “Now then, please swear to me by the Lord that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign 13 that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them—and that you will save us from death.”**

**14 “Our lives for your lives!” the men assured her. “If you don’t tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully when the Lord gives us the land.”**

**15 So she let them down by a rope through the window, for the house she lived in was part of the city wall.**

**Rahab being a  
harlot as  
important for  
3 reasons**

**1.**

**Her occupation  
made her accessible**



**2.**

**She made a  
dramatic change in  
her lifestyle**

**3.**

**She was industrious**

**1 Kings 17**

**verse 8---15**

**8 Then the word of the Lord came to him:  
9 “Go at once to Zarephath in the region  
of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a  
widow there to supply you with food.”  
10 So he went to Zarephath. When he  
came to the town gate, a widow was  
there gathering sticks. He called to her  
and asked, “Would you bring me a little  
water in a jar so I may have a drink?”  
11 As she was going to get it, he called,  
“And bring me, please, a piece of bread.”**

**12 “As surely as the Lord your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.”**

**13 Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid.**

**Go home and do as you have said.**

**But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself**

**and your son.**

**14 For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.’”**

**15 She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family.**

**Why did she  
welcome the  
spies??**

**1.**

**The nature of her  
job dictated it**



**2.**

**Culture of the time  
was hospitality.**

**Joshua's promise  
to her had  
3 conditions**

**1.**

**Do not reveal their  
intentions**

**2.**

**Tie a scarlet knot**

**3.**

**Bring the entire  
family into the house**

**What do we  
learn from Rahab**

**1.**

**Accept people in  
the Bible as  
whole people**

**2.**

**We are still in  
enemy territory**



**3.**

**RECOGNIZE  
GOD AS GOD**

**4.**

**Risk something  
for God**

**5.**

**Act on your  
conviction**



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