

The God of Second Chances
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Scripture References:

- Joshua 6:23, 24, *NLT*
- Romans 12:1
- Matthew 1:1-5
- James 2:25
- James 2:25, *NLT*
- Hebrews 11:31, *MSG*
- John 4:7-30
- Psalm 87:4

Summary:

In an environment that regularly rejects and disqualifies people, we can be thankful for God's unconditional love and acceptance. Despite our flaws and past mistakes, He's always ready to give us another chance. Rahab, a prostitute, is an example of this; despite her past, God saved her from destruction and used her mightily. We all have a past, but it doesn't disqualify us in God's eyes. Our enemy wants to shame and condemn us because of what we've done; however, God is always willing to use us when we trust Him. No matter who we are or what our present circumstances are, having faith in Him allows Him to work through us, redefine us, and elevate us to new levels.

Notes:

1. Regardless of our past, when we have faith in God, He saves us; our past is the reason Jesus was born. No choice we could ever make can keep us from God's saving grace; He saves and uses those with a past.
2. The people the world considers useless and flawed are the people God chooses to use. Everyone—even the marginalized—has a place when they have faith in God.
3. God redefines those with a past; He redefined Rahab from a fallen woman to a chosen woman. He took her from being a prostitute to being a bride, from being a mess to being a mother, and from being a harlot to being a woman of faith.
4. Despite how many times we have fallen short, God has a plan for our lives. We do not need to fear others' judgment or concern ourselves with what others think.

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