



*“And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he [the enemy] corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.” Daniel 11:32, KJV*

## BY FAITH RAHAB INITIATED A VOW THAT GAVE HER GOD’S HONOR AND GLORY

Joshua 2nd chapter illustrates the strength of a vow. Rahab the prostitute knew Jericho was going to be destroyed. She knew the same God who dried up the Red Sea would also defend Israel against Jericho. Rahab hid Israel’s two spies on her own, without even having a covenant with them. When the king of Jericho’s men questioned Rahab, she sent them on a wild goose chase to save the spies’ lives. Armed with proof that a covenant with Israel was in order, she approached the spies to exchange vows. In other words, I spared your life, now spare me and my father’s house; give me a “true token” which is the evidence you will keep your word. Rahab swore to remain silent about the spies’ mission and they in turn swore to spare her and her family’s life and give them favor. The token was to bind the scarlet cord in her window so when Israel invaded the land, the contract on her life was cancelled. Her successful appeal removed her name from death row. Everything subject to death was replaced with eternal life. Rahab was not only spared, but honored for her faith in the “Heroes Hall of Faith” in Hebrews 11:31 as well as favored to be in the lineage of Jesus Christ as Boaz’s mother in Matthew 1:5. Rahab had evidence at her disposal to receive abundant life, but so do we. The blood of Jesus Christ is the miracle that supernaturally disannuls any covenant with premature death. Psalms 103:2-5 pledges God to forgive all our iniquities, heal all our diseases, crown us with loving kindness and tender mercies, redeem our lives from destruction and satisfy our mouths with good things [words] so our youth is renewed like the eagles [strong, soaring, and overcoming, The Amplified]. Learn to always trust in Jesus’ Blood!

## THE BINDING STRENGTH BEHIND YOUR EVERLASTING COVENANT

“Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint,” Isaiah 40:28-31. Verse 31 is one of my favorite bible verses. In Hebrew the word “wait” in the verse above means to bind together to fly, to run, to walk, but never to crawl. When we abide under the shadow of the Almighty, we remain undetected by any enemy. When God keeps covenant, his part is to ensure that in your weakness you are made strong in the power of his might. You go from strength to strength because you *changed* strength: you surrender your natural force to receive God’s supernatural force. It is an uneven exchange, but God is committed to you because he loves you. Your renewed strength changes your level of power to prevail, never a weakling—not barely kept alive, but causing you to thrive triumphantly.

## DYNAMICS CHANGE WHEN THERE IS A REINFORCING COVENANT

God began with a promise to Abraham but ended up with a covenant. A promise to someone gives us a trust to keep while a covenant gives us a truce that cannot be broken. God promised Abraham Genesis 12:2, “And I *will make* of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing”. In Genesis 22:15-18 God made an oath, “...By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed *shall* possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed *shall* all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.” God moved Abraham’s classification from waiting for something to happen to ensuring the vow already made it complete. Abraham’s offering fulfilled God giving us all heaven had to offer: Jesus Christ.

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### Thought for Transformation

*2 Samuel 23:5 is David’s testimony. “Although my house be not so with God; yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure: for this is all my salvation, and all my desire, although he make it not to grow.” A break wall stops the current from getting to you. Be willing to remove any barrier between you and God so the everlasting covenant always abounds toward you in all things, at all times.*

### God’s Life on the Line

*The only way God is off the hook from keeping his covenant with man is if he would die. Since God is self-existing guarantees, he needs no artificial life support. Hebrews 6:16-19 gives us hope without any fear because of his undying love for us. “For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation...which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast...” With the power of God working in us, we wear out the enemy; never satan wearing us out.*