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Dear Friends and Loved Ones,

God chooses the most unlikely people for His use. As we have studied the lineage of Christ, we find people with questionable character or unacceptable reputations that were used by God to bring His Son into the world. Rahab was one of those. Even though she made her living as a prostitute, she was selected for high honor by God. She heard about the God of Israel and recognized him as the true God, the One worth risking her life for. So when the spies came, she hid them on her roof to protect them from the king of Jericho. Then she asked the spies to protect her family when they invaded the city. That is what happened and her family was adopted by the Jews and stayed with them. She married Salmon, who was an ancestor of Jesus Christ.

Another unlikely person was Ruth, a Moabite woman who was the daughter-in-law of a Jewish widow. Her story is an intimate family tale of misfortune. Ruth was urged to go back to her family after the death of her husband, but stayed with her mother in law and wanted to belong to her God. Her loyalty to her mother in law, Naomi was rewarded with a husband, Boaz. Obed, their son, was the grandfather of Israel's king David and ultimately led to the line of Jesus. This means that not only could a foreigner be brought in, but Ruth became God's instrument for higher good. This shows God looks at good character strengths rather than racial background.

Sometimes we feel our family background or sinful choices keep us from being used by God or important to Him. God wants us to know that he loves all people no matter what their background, forgives and washes away all our sins and makes us a new creation. This is our message here at Freedom Ministries; helping each one who comes to us to know they are valuable to God and forgiven of all their sin.

At this time of celebration of the birth of our Savior, we thank you who contribute to this ministry through prayer and giving. Each of you are an important part of bringing hope to many. We've seen marriages healed, hearts mended, sins confessed, hurts forgiven, lies replaced with truth and people set free to love and serve our great God.

From our heart to yours we wish you a blessed Christmas,

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