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Series: Fear Knots

Sermon Title: "Family...I'm Over It"

Key Scriptures:

Joshua 24:15 (NRSV)

¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, *CHOOSE* this day whom you will serve, whether *THE GODS YOUR ANCESTORS SERVED* in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but *AS FOR ME* and *MY HOUSEHOLD*, we will *SERVE THE LORD.*"

The Key:

Risk your name for His

CHOOSE for you

Joshua 1:6 (NIV) ⁶Be *STRONG* and *COURAGEOUS*, because you will *LEAD THESE PEOPLE* to inherit the land I swore to their *ANCESTORS* to give them.

Joshua 2:12-14a (NIV) 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 ¹³that 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.” ^{14a}“*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.”

PRAY for your family

Joshua 2:17-18 (NIV) ¹⁷Now the men had said to her, “This oath you made us swear will not be binding on us ¹⁸unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this *SCARLET CORD* in the *WINDOW* through which you let us down, and unless you have brought your *FATHER* and *MOTHER*, your *BROTHERS* and *ALL YOUR FAMILY* into your house.

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Joshua 2:21 (NIV) ²¹“Agreed,” she replied. “Let it be as you say.” So she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the *SCARLET CORD IN THE WINDOW*.

SERVE the Lord

Joshua 2:15-16 (NRSV) ¹⁵So *SHE LET THEM DOWN BY A ROPE* through the window, for the house she lived in was part of the city wall. ¹⁶She said to them, “*GO TO THE HILLS* so the pursuers will not find you. Hide yourselves there *THREE DAYS* until they return, and then go on your way.”

Hebrews 11:31 (NRSV) ³¹By *FAITH RAHAB* the *PROSTITUTE* did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

James 2:25 (NRSV) ²⁵Likewise, was not *RAHAB* the *PROSTITUTE* also *JUSTIFIED* by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road?

Matthew 1:1-5 (NRSV) ¹An account of the genealogy of *JESUS* the Messiah, the son of *DAVID*, the son of *ABRAHAM*. ²Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, ⁴and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵and Salmon the father of Boaz by *RAHAB*, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse the father of King David.

Challenge Questions:

How can you courageously choose to follow Christ this week?

How can you put a "scarlet cord" over the window of your household this week?

In what way will you risk your name to serve His name this week?

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