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Jude 20-21

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life

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Jude 24-25

Now to Him who is able **to keep you from stumbling**, and **to present you faultless** before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy; to God our Savior, **who alone is wise**, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever.

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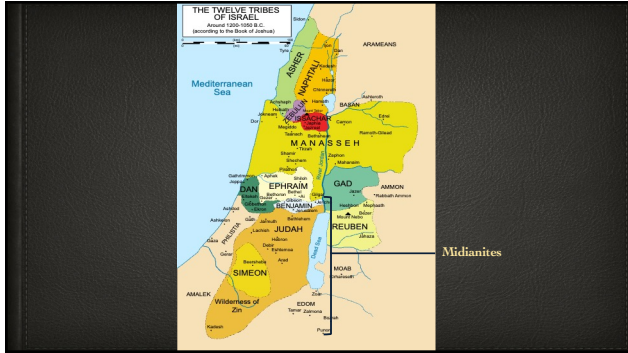
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Ruth 1:1-2

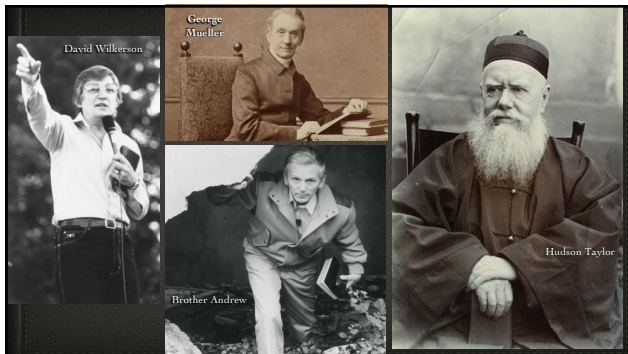
Now it came about in the days when the judges governed, that there was a famine in the land. And a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to reside in the land of Moab with his wife and his two sons.

The name of the man *was* Elimelech, and the name of his wife, Naomi; and the names of his two sons *were* Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehem in Judah. So they entered the land of Moab and remained there.

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Deut 23:3,6

No Ammonite or Moabite may enter the assembly of the LORD; none of their *descendants*, even to the tenth generation, may ever enter the assembly of the LORD...You shall never seek their peace or their prosperity all your days.

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Lessons from Ruth 1:1-5

God reaches, redeems, reconciles and restores his people

- He crosses all barriers to reach the lost
- God's love is the source of our salvation and strength
- He is faithful to correct and restore those who go awry

Make hard decisions, not based on practicality or convenience, but on God's calling

- Be willing to operate in faith, not simply sight
- Trust in God's provision in the hard times

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Ruth 1:6-7

Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the land of Moab, because she had heard...that the LORD had visited His people by giving them food. So, she departed from the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.

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Ruth 1:20-21

But she said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. *I went away full, but the LORD has brought me back empty.* Why do you call me Naomi, since the LORD has testified against me and *the Almighty has afflicted me?*"



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<p>Luke 9:23-25</p> <p>Matthew 19:29</p>	<p>If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it....</p> <p>And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms on account of My name, will receive many times as much, and will inherit eternal life.</p>
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<p>Divine Love</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Selfless ▪ Persevering & Unconditional ▪ Covenantal 	<p><i>No expectation of return; a giver not a taker</i></p> <p><i>Loves when object is unworthy of it; keeps loving in any circumstances</i></p> <p><i>A lifelong devotion that has no end; only death can end the relationship</i></p>

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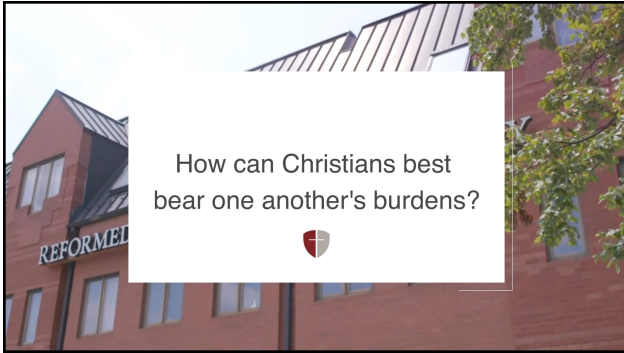
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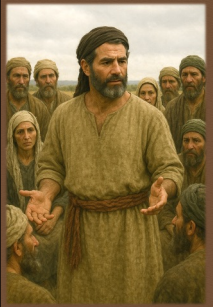


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Who was Boaz?



NKJV - A man of great wealth
NIV - A man of standing
NLT - a wealthy and influential man

Gibbor hayil
A mighty man of wealth

- Successful landowner/employer
- Influential and trusted leader
- High moral character
- Leader in family of Judah

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John 1:12-13

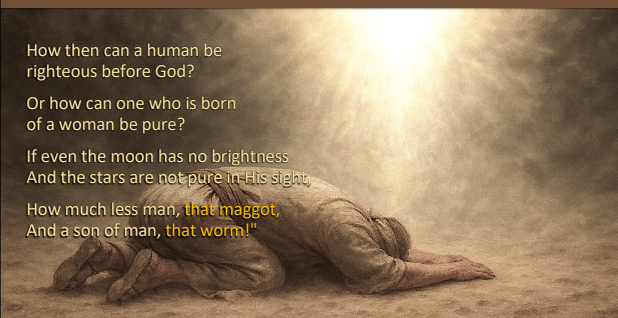
*But as many as received Him, to them He gave **the right** to become children of God, to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of a man, **but of God.***

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Job 25:4-6

How then can a human be righteous before God?
 Or how can one who is born of a woman be pure?
 If even the moon has no brightness
 And the stars are not pure in His sight,
 How much less man, **that maggot,**
 And a son of man, **that worm!**"



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Psalm 91:4

"He will cover you with His **pinions,** And under His **wings** you may take refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and wall."



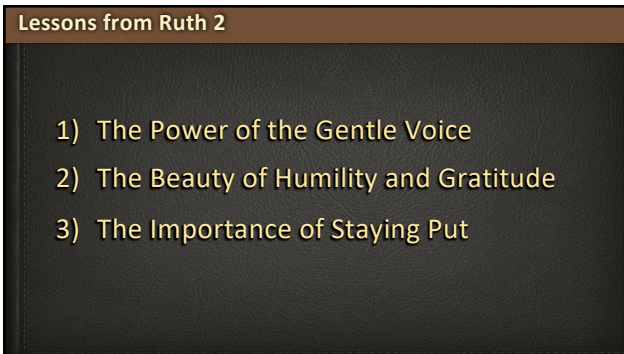
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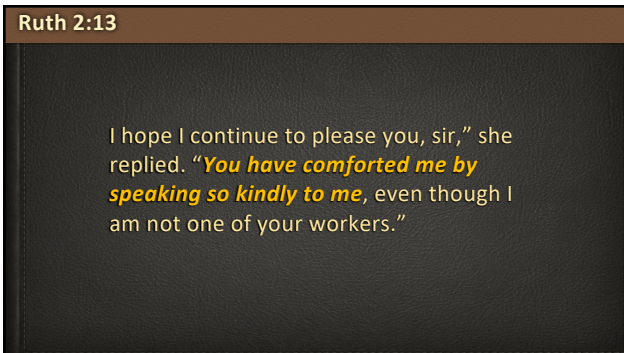
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Ephesians 4:29

Let no unwholesome word come out of your mouth, but if *there is any good word for edification* according to the need of *the moment*, say that, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

Oikodomē
Building
Building up



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Staying put

Do not go into another field → *Safety in God's presence*

Join my young women here → *Strength among God's people*

Ordered the servants not to touch you → *Freedom from God's judgment*

Go to the water jars and drink → *Access to living water*

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LESSONS LEARNED

- 1) The Power of the Gentle Voice
- 2) The Beauty of Humility and Gratitude
- 3) The Importance of Staying Put

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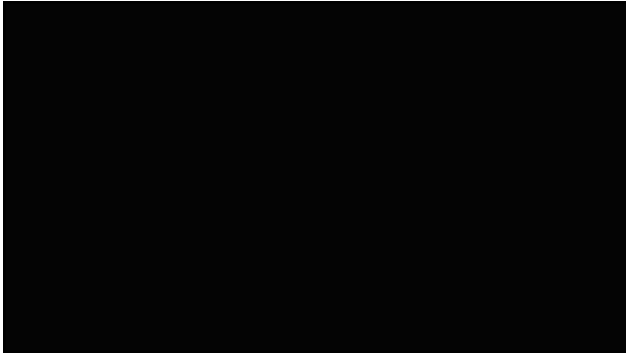
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Laboring in God's rest

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Five messages

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 - Be in the church
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- 2) Keep your eyes on me and my people, and I will protect you
- 3) I will reward you for your labor

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- 4) I've called you to closeness in relationships
- 5) I've called you to be "full" and share

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Operation Auca

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Hope arises

“May he be blessed of the Lord who has not withdrawn his kindness from the living and the dead”

“He is one of our redeemers”



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Law of Redemption

Leviticus 25:25
“If your brother becomes poor and sells part of his property, then his nearest redeemer shall come and redeem what his brother has sold.”

Deuteronomy 25:5-6
If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the dead man shall not be married outside the family to a stranger. Her husband’s brother shall go in to her and take her as his wife and perform the duty of a husband’s brother to her. And the first son whom she bears shall succeed to the name of his dead brother, that his name may not be blotted out of Israel.

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Ruth 3:1-5

Then her mother-in-law Naomi said to her, “My daughter, shall I not seek **security** for you, that it may go well for you? Now then, is Boaz not our relative...”

mānôah - Rest or Resting Place


Where is this rest found?

Boaz, the Kinsmen-Redeemer
Jesus, the Divine Redeemer

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Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”



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Beauty of Communion

When the hour came, He reclined *at the table*, and the apostles with Him. And He said to them, “I have *eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you* before I suffer...And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He said, “*Take this and share it among yourselves...*”



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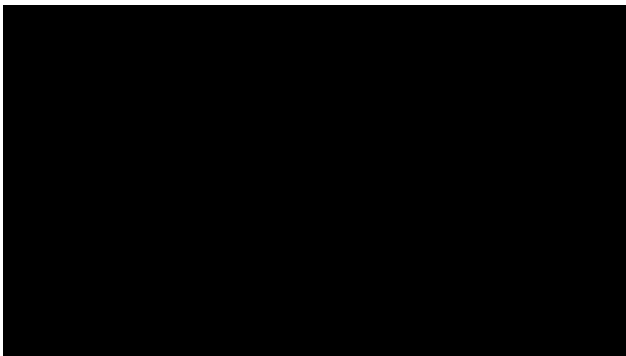
Colossians 4:6

Let your speech always be *with grace*,
seasoned with salt, that you may know how
you ought to answer each one

Grace (cheris)
That which communicates joy, delight, sweetness and good will

Salt (halas)
Makes food tastier and easier to digest

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1 Corinthians 1:7

Who me?
Yes you!

“Therefore *you* do not
lack any spiritual gift as
you eagerly wait for our
Lord Jesus Christ to be
revealed.”



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Character of Boaz shines



- He respects laws and customs
- He covers/protects Ruth
- He has a generous spirit

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The God Who Restores



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Luke 15:22-24

But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet; and bring the fattened calf, slaughter it, and let's eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.' And they began to celebrate.



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2 Samuel 24:24

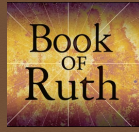
“No, but I will certainly buy *it* from you for a price; for I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God that cost me nothing.”
So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

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**A work
of Love**



- God reaches us we are
- God redeems our sin debt
- God reconciles us to himself
- God restores us to his divine purpose and eternal life

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