

“Greatest Gift, Ever!” Message Series

Sunday, December 8, 2024 @ 10:30AM | Pastor Dan Moran

Abiding Hope!



"I pray that God who gives you hope will keep you happy and full of peace as you believe in him. May you overflow with hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."
Romans 15:13 (LB)

Ruth 1:16-17, But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. 17. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." (NIV)

- **The experience of loss does not need to be the defining moment of our story. The defining moment can be our response to the loss. The story doesn't have to be about the loss. The story can be about responding to the loss.**
- **We don't get to decide what roles we play in life. But we can decide how we play the roles that we're given.**
- **If there's one word to describe Naomi's life it's not loss, it's redemption.**

Ruth 2:3, "So she went out and began to glean behind the harvesters. As it turned out she found herself working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelech." (NIV)

Ruth 3: 8-11, "Suddenly around midnight Boaz awakened, sat up startled. There was a woman lying at his feet. 'Who are you?' he demanded. 'It is I, sir, Ruth,' she replied. 'Make me your wife according to God's law for you are my close relative.' 'Thank God for a girl like you!' he exclaimed. 'Don't worry about a thing, my child. I'll handle all the details for everyone knows what a wonderful person you are.'" (LB)

- **But Boaz says "I will love who no one else will love. I will care for who no one else will care for, I will redeem who no one else will redeem. I will be the guardian redeemer."**

Ruth 4:13, "So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. When he made love to her the Lord enabled her to conceive and she gave birth to a son." (NIV)

- **It was just pure grace.**

Ruth 4:17, "And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David." (NIV)

- **You can't always get what you want. But if you try sometimes you might just find you get what you need.**

"Come to me all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Jesus came to give us Abiding Hope!