

A Word from Our Pastor

Welcome to *The Gathering Place*. Reaching for Success. One of the first major goals in life is to succeed, be it in your field of study, in a profession, or in some major interest, we want to succeed. However, too many times we are like the people who built the Tower of Babel. We try to have success, not only without God, but against God. What I mean is we want to do our own thing our own way, and sometimes we do things purposefully against the commandments of God.

The problem with some is their characterization of God. They believe He is working against them when nothing could be farther from the truth. The fact is, GOD WANTS YOU TO SUCCEED. Granted, I may not always understand what God is doing or why He is doing it, but I KNOW that God wants me and you to succeed.

The Psalmist said, *"God is with me; I will not fear"* (Psalm 118:6). I know with God all things are possible (Luke 1:37), His desire is for me to succeed and prosper (3 John 2), and if I trust and partner with Him, I will obtain the success I am reaching for. With God success is not out of your reach.

Blessings
Dr. Anthony W. Adams

Service and Viewpoint Schedule

Tuesday eDisciples Viewpoint: (Blended- Gathering Place)

6pm- Church Fellowship Dinner

6:30-7:30pm- Bible Study

Thursday Viewpoint: (See Lynn Martin for details)

10am- Prayer Meeting

10:30-11:15am- Bible Study

Caring Hands: Thursday 12:30-2pm (Home of Lynn Martin)

Announcement

DECEMBER 12: Church Christmas Party 5-6:30 pm

Prayer Request

Please remember Sue Butt and her family in prayer as they mourn the loss of her sister Virginia.

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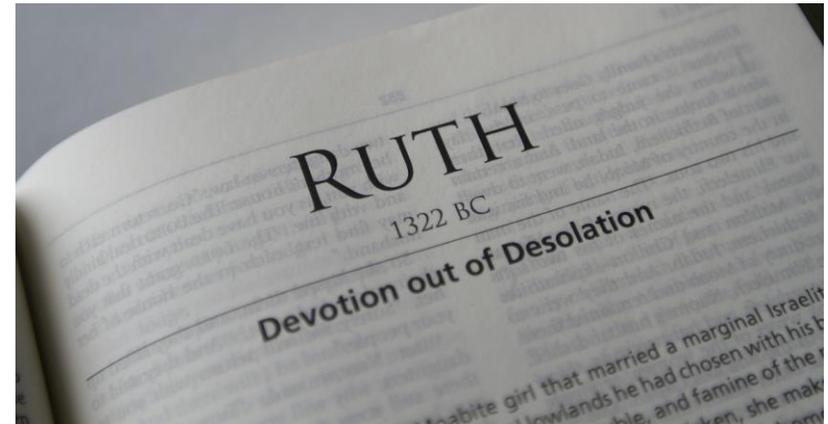
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Mission Statement

New Vision Church seeks to win the lost and develop them into responsible, reproducing, fully functioning followers of Christ.

Lesson Notes:

Text: Ruth 1-4



Today is a great day for your miracle!

Missions



Christmas Presents and Food for People in Need.

Lesson Notes

Devotion out of Desolation

Text: Ruth 1-4

Intro: The Old Testament book of Ruth, a 4-chapter story layered with tragedy, blessings, and the reminder to trust God. Naomi, a Hebrew, along with her husband and two grown sons, forsakes her hometown of Bethlehem (“House of Bread”) to escape a famine. The family settles into nearby Moab (a place known for idolatry and child sacrifice), for about a decade. God’s will is for us to live in feast not famine. Although famine often indicates God’s judgment, it is a temporary condition. Leaving Bethlehem turned a temporary situation into a long-term separation from God. When we get out of God’s will, bad things happen. Naomi blames God for her problems even though her and her family walked away. Through Ruth, God will restore Naomi’s joy, hope, and trust — and cement Ruth, a lowly foreigner, as a key player in Israel’s history. Let’s look at just three attributes of Ruth that made her usable by God.

I. Ruth was a woman of commitment

- A. Ruth chooses to stay with Naomi, rather than return to her own family. Perhaps she recognizes how difficult life is for poor widows and doesn’t want Naomi to endure the hardship alone. What we do know is that Ruth feels deep affection for Naomi (Ruth 1:16-17).
- B. Orpah chose not only her country but her gods. You cannot serve two masters (Matt 6:24)
- C. Ruth is all-in. 100 percent. No longing or looking over her shoulder.

D. Faith like a child.

E. Remain in God’s.

II. Ruth was a woman of courage

- A. Have you been developing your courage to take these big steps?

B. The Importance of Boaz

C. The Ruth Was a Woman of Character.

- 1. Just an ordinary story

- 2. God loves to use “nobodies” to create history. Remember Noah’s start? Gideon’s? David’s? Mary’s?
- 3. What Ruth has going for her is her character. Ruth displays what the Bible calls the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

III. Becoming like Ruth

- A. We must see ourselves in Ruth
- B. Like Naomi, we can’t always see how God is working in and through our lives. But we can choose to expect that He is doing good things — despite our circumstances.

IV. Conclusion

- A. Summary of the story of Ruth and Naomi.
- B. Will you choose to believe that your present circumstances don’t limit God, and certainly don’t dictate His favor? God birthed you to invite you into His service, to weave you into His plan for redeeming all people unto Himself. Believe!