

Lifelines

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The Heart of the Matter A Blessed “Outsider”

The story of Ruth has never received the acclaim it deserves, in my opinion. It’s a short story that takes place during the time period of the Judges. Many commentators suppose that it was included in the list of sacred Scriptures to introduce the family line of King David. Yet there is so much more useful information to be learned.

First of all, one must be shocked that the family migrated to a foreign country and even intermarried with the ungodly Moabites. God’s Word directly forbade such a thing (Dt. 7:2-3). Some claim that the deaths of the men were punishments for this sin.

Secondly, the reader must be impressed with the relationship Ruth enjoyed with her mother-in-law Naomi. She was so committed that she was determined to leave her whole life behind so she could stay close. Her declaration of loyalty forms the basis for many wedding vows today (1:16-17).

Third, Ruth volunteered to glean the fields of the harvesters in order to provide food for Naomi and herself. She toiled through the heat of the day in the field of a stranger in order to provide for their basic needs.

The rest of the story makes for a good novel. Naomi instructs Ruth to approach their next-of-kin to enforce an adoption process of sorts. Boaz is more than eager to do so. He and the townspeople are impressed with Ruth’s commitment of faith and loyalty. After working out the details, Ruth and Boaz are married and blessed with a son, Obed.

Yet the most important lesson from Ruth’s story, as I see it, lies in the fact that God desires to save everyone – regardless of gender, status, race, intellect – due to their faith. See how Ruth proved hers (leaving her past behind, serving others, following God’s guidelines, just to name a few). And her ultimate reward was not that she gained a loving husband and son; she became an ancestor of Jesus!! (Matt. 1:5).

The God we serve blesses all by the same standard of faith – even those we would consider to be “outsiders”; He is willing to adopt anyone who is willing to show true commitment and loyalty to Him or to any of His children. This means that no one is too bad or too evil for God to forgive and save and adopt. So take the time and effort to read Ruth and enjoy another perfect description of God’s “amazing grace”. **Doug**

Spiritual Health

Comedian Jim Gaffigan has a point during his stand-up routine when he asks, “Have you ever eaten so much you’ve been sick?” It happens, doesn’t it? You eat so much ice cream one night you become physically ill, swearing you’ll never eat ice cream again, and what happens the next night? You’re right back in the freezer getting more ice cream! (It must be that new magical ice cream that makes you forget that overindulging will cause major discomfort.) Sin can be that way. Satan makes it look extremely appetizing at the time, but after you succumb to the temptation, you feel can sick and guilty that you ever gave in. You promise yourself you’ll stand firm next time, but next time comes and it starts to look really appetizing all over again...

The problem is that we have forgotten where our focus is supposed to be. We tend to focus on, “What will make me happy now”, instead of “What will make me *holy* now?” Jesus came as the Great Physician, to heal us from the sickness caused by our sin. We need to work together to strive to keep God at the center of our lives in order to stay holy and spiritually healthy. It’s hard to do on our own and we may fail (we’re only human after all), which is why we need to help encourage each other to keep God first in our daily lives in order to stand firm against the enemy. “See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. **But encourage one another daily**, as long as it is called ‘Today’, so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.” (Heb. 3:12-13)

Service Schedule:

Sunday:

Bible Class 10 AM
Morning Service 11 AM
Evening Service 5 PM

Wednesday:

10 AM & 7:00 PM

Elders:

Dave Chaffin
John Magness
George Price
Mike Richardson
George Westerman Jr.

Deacons:

Bob Blair
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Sunday, July 25, 2010
Worship: 137 & 45
Contribution: \$4836



Wedding

Vinnie Kretz and Joe Phillips would like to announce that all are welcome to their wedding ceremony here at the church building Friday, July 30 at 5p.m.

Steak and Corn Roast

The 23rd Annual Steak and Corn Roast for the Church of Christ Care Center will be Saturday, August 21st at 6 p.m. Please see Neil Cherry if you would like to purchase tickets for this event.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

There will be a Men's Prayer Breakfast Saturday, August 14th at 8am. The Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Van Dyke Church of Christ.

Baby Shower

All of the ladies are invited to a baby shower to help Ginger Lawson welcome Cali Capri into the world on August 7th at 1p.m. here at the church. Please sign the sheet on the kiosk if you wish to attend.



The **SOUTH LITE** Group will host the luncheon after the A.M. services this Sunday, August 1st. The meal will be Italian Themed.

Next Week's Bible Reading

July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31	Aug 1	Aug 2	Aug 3
Acts 22 Job 17-19	Acts 23:1-22 Job 20-21	Acts 23:23-35 Job 22-23	Acts 24 Job 24-27	Acts 25 Job 28-29	Acts 26 Job 30-31	Acts 27:1-12 Job 32-33

New Phone Number

Nichole Rich has a new phone number. Her new number is:
(586) 859-7387

Canoe Trip

Anyone who is planning on attending the Annual Canoe Trip this August needs to get their money to Terry Hamilton by this Sunday, August 1st.



Yard Work

Betty McLaughlin is in need of someone who can come to her house and help her with some yard work. If you are able to help, please give her a call.

Address

Dan Thibodeau is at Boot Camp in South Carolina. If you wish to send him a letter or card of encouragement, his address is:
PFC Thibodeau, Daniel E.
1-13th F Co. 4th Platoon
4420 Jackson Blvd.
Ft. Jackson, SC 29207-5029
The Army asks that you do NOT send any food. Thank you!

On Our Prayer List

Sue Johnson is at home recovering from arthritis in her back and is taking medication for an infection.

George Westerman Sr. Has been diagnosed with a blood disorder and will see his doctor soon to discuss treatment.

Steve Miller has had a set-back and is in a lot of back pain.

Justine Arnold will see her doctor soon to determine treatment of an aneurysm.

Frank Woloszyk had outpatient surgery on Mon. & will be tested for cancer

Theresa Tostige her latest tests showed no signs of cancer.

Chuck Holzhauer had an MRI this past Tue. He had a dizzy spell this past week.

Carolyn McMichael and **Juanita Collins** have been receiving injections to help with joint pain.

Lisa Deckard (Steve's sister-in-law) is recovering from back surgery.

UNEMPLOYED AND LOOKING FOR WORK:

Waurine Radke, John Jamieson, Darlene Bailey, Don Kershaw, Mark Williams, Kimberly Livernois, and many others. (If you wish to be listed here, please contact the church office).

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

Darlene Bailey, Juanita Collins, Helen Whitty, Lu Osterhoudt, The Carnalis, Macy Rhodes, Gene Ross, Steve Miller, Terry Bryant, Carolyn McMichael, Susan St. John, Betty McLaughlin's mother, Bill & Betty Green, Shirley Huddleston, Patricia Petronski (Jim's mother), Louise Combs, Oscar & Doris Tackett.

THOSE WITH CANCER:

Barb Clemmons (friend of Darlene Bailey), Therese Roberts (Niece of Estelle Pincombe), Shirley (sister-in-law of Juanita Collins), Len Desmarais, John Gurjack, Melody Combs, Michelle Tuomi, Jerry Jenkins.

OUR SHUT-INS:

Jean Ballard, Pauline Jackson, Darlene LaCharitie, Mildred Wilson, Justine Arnold.