

Good News From Chardon

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Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom
 Song Leader: Doug
 Opening Hymn:
22—I Will Sing The Wondrous Story
 Opening Prayer: Mark
 Hymn:
393—Mansions Over The Hilltop
 Scripture Reading: Robert
 Psalm 37:1-8
 Hymn:
287—The Lord's Supper
 Lord's Supper: Dale
 Hymn:
213—The Church's One Foundation
 Sermon: Tom
 Invitation Hymn:
623—Why Do You Wait?
 Closing Hymn:
657—God Will Take Care Of You
 Closing Prayer: Ryan

The Story of God's Faithfulness

We need to develop a deeper appreciation for the faithfulness of the God we serve. The Bible declares that God is characterized by faithfulness. In Exodus 34:6, God says of himself, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness." Scripture also reveals the fact that God is faithful to his promises. Joshua told the people of Israel, "You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled..." (Josh. 23:14).

God's faithfulness can be clearly seen in the book of Ruth. The story of Ruth is told in a small, four chapter book, sandwiched between Judges and 1 Samuel in the OT. I want to begin by drawing our attention to a striking phrase in our Scripture reading from the book of Ruth - "The Lord came to the aid of his people" (1:6). The King James Version puts it: "The Lord has visited his people."

I think that it is fair to say that all of us have known the problems of life - and they come at all stages in life's journey. During those times, have you ever been tempted to ask, "Where is God?" When faced daily by more deadly news from the Ukraine or the death toll and destruction from the coronavirus or monkey pox, we sometimes wonder - Where is God? The matter becomes even more pressing when we are faced with our own suffering and losses in life?

There's nothing like a story to bring to life the issues of this tension between God's way and the way of the world, of searching for the pathway of faith in times when evil seems rampant and life seems unmanageable. A practical example of God in action can be of enormous benefit in sustaining the believer and enabling him or her to cope with the uncertainties and apparent meaninglessness of much of what we experience. I trust that each of us will be able to identify with the Bible story of Naomi and Ruth in some personal and practical way.

Whatever our circumstances, I believe that all of us can benefit from our own experience with a faithful God. The book of Ruth has been called "the most beautiful short story in the world." In many respects, it deals with ordinary people and unimportant matters. Yet it deals with them in such a way as to show that God is active in the affairs of human beings. God works his purposes out and blesses those that put their trust in him.

If its message had to be summarized in one word, it could be the word "faithfulness", in the sense that God is there - God cares, God rules and God provides. But faith in such a God is the common factor to all the incidents in the book. As we look at the experience of Naomi, we will be able to trace the work of God's faithful care. The story occurs during the time of the judges of Israel, when the cycle of disobedience, defeat, and deliverance happened over and over again. God is faithful.

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Trust In Him

Psalm 37:3

R E V I L D O E R S F N E E L
 B E D O I N I Q U I T Y W O N
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ANGER	CAUSE	CEASE
COMMIT	DELIGHT	DESIRES
DOWN	DWELL	ENVIIOUS
EVILDOERS	FORSAKE	FRET
GIVE	GOOD	GRASS
HARM	HEART	HERB
INIQUITY	JUSTICE	LAND
LIGHT	LORD	PATIENTLY
PROSPERS	REST	RIGHTEOUS
SCHEMES	TRUST	WAIT
WICKED	WITHER	WORKERS
WRATH		

Hidden Message:

PRAYER LIST

- **Mynda** and all her family, as she travels
- **Debbie's** surgery recovery; as her and **Mark** travel
- **Ackerman** family
- **Ruth** is in rehab, **Larry's** car accident
- **Roberta**, doing Bible study with Tom, body healing and Bible study with **Kris**
- **Bonnie's** grandson **Devin** as he reads and opens his heart to Christ
- **Wanda's** migraines; son **Allen**, sisters **Lorraine & Joyce**
- **Mary** and her family. **Carl's** gout and hip surgery recovery, Mary's leg injury
- **Tom & Nina's** 5-year-old great nephew, **Bear Nicholas**, now at home; **Nina's** health, pain.& procedures
- **Kathy**, her sister and friends. Kathy's feet healing,
- **Linda's** health and procedures
- **Zarna** and her family
- **Juanita** as she recovers and her sister **Betty** and the rest of her family.
- **Ray** and **Barbara** and their family.
- **Dale's** health issues and his family. His friend **Riley** (age 6) who has cancer. Brother in Christ **Darrell's** surgery. His Aunt Rosie's heart and Lungs. His cousin with heart issues. Uncles house fire
- **Ray** and his family

CALENDAR

- Nov. 13—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom
- Nov. 14—(b) Allen
- Nov. 16—(b) Kathy
- Nov. 18—(b) Chelsea
- Nov. 19—(b) Connor
- Nov. 19—(b) Dillion
- Nov. 20—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark
- Nov. 22—(b) Ray
- Nov. 25—(a) Larry & Ruth
- Nov. 27—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom
- Dec. 4—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark—Business meeting

Man says... Show me and I'll trust you. God says... Trust me and I'll show you. Psalm 126:6

SUNDAY: Bible Study—10:00 am, Worship—11:00 am

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