



Order of Worship 17 September 2023 Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship

We Listen to the Word

Prayer Sermon Series: The Bachlorette Sermon: "Episode 2 - Moving On"

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration The Lord's Prayer We Eat and Drink Together We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life Gossiping the Good Stuff Doxology Blessing and Sending

Words to music, responsive readings and The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen



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Doggy Bag-Some questions to chew on:



- 1. What part of this message resonated the most with you?
- 2. In what area of life are you currently starting chapter 2? What circumstances led up to this? Do you fear a re-run?
- 3. Why is it important to be humble when you are in a new chapter? Do you find it difficult to ask for or receive help?
- 4. How have you experienced God's prevenient grace in your life? What difference does it make to trust that God is at work?
- 5. Do you find it difficult to work hard after you've endured a challenging chapter? In what ways have your past difficulties given you a "lens of grace" by which to view yourself and others?
- 6. What parallels do you see between God at work in Ruth's story and in your own?



If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/Pastor Kris about your relationship with Christ, please email *pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org* or call 717-774-6444

The Bachelorette "Episode #2– Moving On" Pastor Kris Beckert

Have you ever sat down to watch something, only to discover you had seen it before?

Chapter 1 of the Book of Ruth:

- First written down 1000 BC
- Family living in Bethlehem moves to
- Sons grow up and marry Moabite women
- The dad & both sons ______
- The widow Naomi decides to return to
- Two daughters-in-law: Orpah stays in _____, Ruth does opposite:

Ruth 1:16 Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.

Avoiding Re-runs in the Next Chapter:

I. Go to a different _

Ruth 1:22 So Naomi returned from Moab accompanied by Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, arriving in Bethlehem as the barley harvest was beginning.

II. Bring an abiding sense of _____

Ruth 2:1-3a Now Naomi had a relative on her husband's side, a man of standing from the clan of Elimelek, whose name was Boaz. ² And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favor." Naomi said to her, "Go ahead, my daughter." ³ So [Ruth] went out, entered a field and began to glean behind the harvesters.

• Gleaning—Leviticus 19--

III. Carry a divine sense of _____:

Ruth 2:3 So Ruth went out to gather grain behind the harvesters. And as it happened, she found herself working in a field that belonged to Boaz, the relative of her father-in-law, Elimelech.

- Providence—
- Prevenient grace—
- Naomi had ______ for Ruth:

Ruth 1:8-9 May the Lord show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. ⁹ May the Lord grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband."

IV. Do the _____:

Ruth 2:4-7 While she was there, Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters. "The Lord be with you!" he said. "The Lord bless you!" the harvesters replied. ⁵ Then Boaz asked his foreman, "Who is that young woman over there? Who does she belong to?" ⁶ And the foreman replied, "She is the young woman from Moab who came back with Naomi. ⁷ She asked me this morning if she could gather grain behind the harvesters. She has been hard at work ever since..."

V. Look through a lens

Ruth 2:8-9 So Boaz said to Ruth, "My daughter, listen to me. Don't go and glean in another field and don't go away from here. Stay here with the women who work for me. ⁹ Watch the field where the men are harvesting, and follow along after the women. I have told the men not to lay a hand on you. And whenever you are thirsty, go and get a drink from the water jars the men have filled."

Ruth 2:12 "...May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."

"So, the cross is always ready and waits for you everywhere. You cannot escape it no matter where you run, for wherever you go you are burdened with yourself. Wherever you go, there you are." -Thomas à Kempis

Big Idea: _____