You Just Never Know
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Hey, I want to welcome you here yet Carrollton, all of you joining us online, we're so thankful that you and I, we get to be together. Turn your Bibles to Ruth, chapter four. That's where we'll be at. today. I'm gonna tell you a story. When I was in seminary, I live near the Med Center in the Houston area. And one day, I went to the grocery store where my favorite sandwich was. And so I go this day to this grocery store down by my apartment. And my sandwich of choice was not there. I know, first world problems. And so I'm thinking, I gotta get the sandwich. I've got this appetite that I can't get rid of. And so I find the nearest employee to help me find the sandwich and he was so kind and he said, Yes, of course yet we just reshuffle everything. We move things around. So he gladly walked me over to find the sandwich I was looking for. Well, on our walk, I realized he had a Bible that he was carrying. Well, that started a fun conversation. Because what are you doing with the Bible? Tell me about your story. Well, I come to realize not only using an employee at this grocery store, but he's also a pastor. Yes, he's a pastor. And in fact, he was doing his sermon prep before I interrupted him about my sandwich. We had amazing conversation, and he invited me to come to church with him the next Sunday. I said, Well, I got to go to you know, I was a youth pastor at that time, and I got to go to church, but he said, No, no, our church meets at 4pm. And it just happened to be down the street from my apartment. They met at this rented ballroom at a hotel. And so I was like, Okay, this could actually work. So that's Sunday, I went to church. Now I'm a first time visitor. So as any good first time visitors would do, I showed up 10 minutes early and want to make sure I get my seat and get my, you know, bearings around the building. And so I get there at 350. And there's nobody there. Okay, the entire ballroom is set up for church, but there's not a single person in sight. So I go to the nearest attendee at the hotel and said, Hey, is there a church that meets here? They said, Yeah, they meet at four o'clock. It's four o'clock. And so I went back in and still nobody was there. And it's 4pm. Well, a few minutes later, the pastor slash grocery store employee walks in. And he begins the service. Yeah, you guessed it, it was just me in the audience. He and I, and we just started a service. He said, Let us all stand up to pray. And I look around and it's still just me. It's time for praise and worship. And we didn't have Caleb bullets that day. It was a CD player that he pushed play on. And we worshiped together. And then he preached the stars down. I mean, he had a three piece suit and everything. He was ready to preach to hundreds of people and it was not a bad sermon. I've heard worse. It was a good sermon. After

sermon came offering time, and you guessed it, he came right to me with the offering plate and I dumped out the $3 I had in my wallet. And then it was altar call. And I think he had hoped I would come to accept Christ that day. But I stayed in my seat and I just prayed. Well, the service lasted two hours. Just he and I, having a good old time, and a ballroom at a hotel. At the end of the service, he was so kind and gracious and so thankful that I came in and told me that he had been preaching pretty much in this exact setting for four years. Sometimes a strangler would come in and there but four years, present a little to no one. And then he asked me if I would preach the next Sunday and told him I'd be thinking about that. I left that day with so many thoughts in my mind. What I was just glad to get out of there alive because I've heard horror stories where things like that don't turn out good for the visitor. Alright, but I had two other train of thoughts. One guy, was this man crazy for preaching to nobody for four years? Or was he just incredibly faithful, just so faithful, showing up getting up setting up every single Sunday, whether someone came to hear him or not. And he would just faithfully go and proclaim the gospel of Jesus that he would invite strangers like me at a grocery store and come invite them to come to church with him. I chose to believe the latter, that he kept showing up being faithful to what he felt like God had called him to, and I actually really admired this individual. In so many ways, the story of Ruth is about a young widow who has just enough faith to not quit. She just

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doesn't quit, she doesn't give up. She keeps showing up. She could have left Naomi and went back to mow air. But she didn't quit. She shows up to Boaz field, not knowing who this field belongs to or what she'll find, but she just shows up. And for seven weeks throughout the harvest, she gets to work every single day, just gleaning in order to provide for her family. She just keeps showing up. And then we looked at last week in chapter three, she showed up in the middle of the night with a radical marriage proposal to bow as she breaks cultural codes and shatters customs and she just shows up to make this crazy, audacious ask of Boaz, she just kept showing up. But little bit Ruth know that every time she showed up, God was actually at work behind the scenes orchestrating this phenomenal story, through His providence in his said, Love, that he was weaving together this story of radical grace, with an outcome that she could have never in her wildest imagination thought would be possible. And that's where we're gonna be at in Ruth, chapter four. I gotta tell you, oftentimes, God uses small moments we think don't even matter. He uses daily everyday decisions of faith, small steps of obedience, everyday, seemingly ordinary moments that you may not even think matters, just small conversations here and there, ordinary moments and God, this almighty God, Providence and love weaves together the moments we think may not actually matter. And he creates outcomes out of them that will influence generations to come. Ruth three ended with a cliffhanger. Ruth proposes to bow as she wants Boaz to redeem Naomi and her and marry her boy as wants to do so as well. But there's another man in the picture, a closer relative who is legally obligated to redeem Naomi and Ruth. So Naomi's plan runs against a wall, but Naomi assures Ruth, you rest because this man will not rest until he solves this today. So let's look at Ruth chapter four. And how it begins in verse one. Bow as well went to the gate of the town and sat down there. Soon the family Redeemer Boaz had spoken about came by Boaz said, come over here and sit down. So he went over and sat down. And then Boaz took 10 Men of the town's elders, and said, Sit here, and

they sat down. Boaz means business pretty early in the morning, he comes to the city gate, and in the early days, in ancient times, the city gate or the town gate was the place of official business. This was a gate with rooms and courtyards in it, and this is where cases were debated and business and deals were transacted. Boaz just knows that this family relative will show up here because that was the thing to do early in the morning. And by God's providence, sure enough, this close relative shows up at the city gate. Notice here that we are actually not given the name of this relative, it's missing. Boaz knows his name, the narrator knows his name. The elders of the town know his name, but we're not given his name, and it's purposefully left out. In fact, even though we're not giving his name, right here at the end of verse one, there is a Hebrew idiom that refers to him. So we're like giving his official name but there was an idiom, by which he's referred to in the whole scene. And this is a Hebrew idiom, Polonius, alimony. pelonis alimony and it means Mr. So and So. That's such an such person. That guy that fella Telone alimony not Bologna, alimony Pallone, alimony, the narrator purposely leaves his name behind because as we'll see, throughout the story, this close relative has only his personal gain in mind. He only has his selfish interest in mind. And according to the narrator, because he only thinks about himself and what he has been protecting what this is, he's not even a name worth mentioning.

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So Boaz and the elders of the town sit down and verse three goes on. And Boaz says, He said to the Redeemer, Naomi, who has returned from the territory of Moab, is selling the portion of the field that belong to our brother Elimelech. Now most likely, what happened was Naomi and Elimelech had to sell a part of their property before they left to Moab. Now that Naomi has returned without a husband or sons, she cannot keep up with what remains of our property. And our property meant everything. So she is forced to sell the little she's got. And if anyone but a kinsman redeemer or a relative buys this property, she loses it all. And her family's honor and her deceased husband's name will be forever forgotten. This is a big deal in ancient times. So Boaz tells this relative here's what's happening. I thought I should inform you. To me, that's a little sarcastic from Boaz, because last chapter, everyone in the town has heard of Ruth's noble character. And when Naomi and Ruth came into town in chapter one, all of Bethlehem was in a frenzy, people know what's going on. It's almost like everyone, but the closest relative who should have been there was there caring for this family. So Boaz says, just in case you've been hiding under a rock, I thought I should let you know what's going on. Naomi is having to sell this property, buy it back in the presence of these see that here, and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you want to redeem it, do it. But if you do not want to redeem it, tell me, so that I will know because there isn't anyone other than you to redeem it. And I am next after you. Go as so casually offers this property opportunity to the closest relative. Naomi and Ruth are not in the scene. If they were better Naomi will be livid Naomi, she will be thinking this isn't the plan bow as you're supposed to get this no name Redeemer out of the picture, so that you can redeem us. Boaz gifts this gentleman the first right, and a face value. This is a lucrative deal. This is a good deal. And this is a deal you can't refuse because yes, this person will have to pay some money to purchase this field. But over time, it's going to be an amazing return of investment. Why? Because yes by law Leverett marriage, he would have to take care of Naomi, but she's older in age and she won't have any

more sons. So that means after she's gone, the property revenue is all his to take. It's a good deal for him. So let's see what he says first, for finishes like this. I want to redeem it, he answered. He says I'll do it. I'll buy the property our redeemed Naomi, he's in he agrees to the proposal from Boaz and he agrees to buy the field. I know you and I would be so upset if the story ended like this, because we are not team pillow me alimony We are Team Boaz we are booing Mr. So and so. And we're in the crowd of the city gate cheering bow as bow as we want bow ass. That's what we're doing right. We don't want this to be the end of the story, though he agrees to buy the field. Well, Boaz has one more thing. He wants Mr. So and so to know though he's already just agreed to buy the field. Oh, by the way, here's another thing you should be aware of. If you purchase this field, or as five, that Bo has said, Oh, by the way, the day you buy the field from Naomi, you will also acquire Ruth, the mower bitis, the wife of the deceased man to perpetuate the man's name on his property. Just FYI, Naomi doesn't come alone. Ruth comes with her. And by the way, she's a mo abiertas. You know, that group of pagans, you don't even like yeah, she's one of them. And also, she's the wife of a diseased man, just stating the fact the last guy she married isn't alive anymore. So just so you know, she's the wife of a deceased man. And oh, by the way, if you purchase the field, you are obligated to give Ruth an air. And if it's a son, then he will also have part of the inheritance from this field. And according to customer, the law, the first born son through elaborate marriage, would have been named not after this close relative but after the deceased husband, so that the deceased husband's name will be celebrated, honored and perpetuated for generations to come. Oh, that's part of the deal, too.

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It doesn't sound so great anymore. So this close relative is now thinking about that if I buy the field, I take it Naomi, I can afford to do that. But then I got Ruth and she's younger, she can have kids and if she has kids, I gotta pay for college. I gotta buy their first car, I gotta get the married and if it's a son, he's gonna have a part of the field with me and I'm gonna have to split my inheritance with my already existing boys and with him So he reconsiders and then he's got another reply in verse six, the Redeemer replied, I can't redeem it myself, or I will ruin my own inheritance, for take my right of redemption because I can't redeem it. He backs out of the deal. He's unwilling to pay the price to redeem Naomi and Ruth and purchase this field, he's not willing to put the price of payment forward. So he backs out, there are at least three qualifications to be a kinsman redeemer in ancient times, and here are the three here, one, you had to be a relative, and this is what gave you the right to redeem a relative second about you had to have resources. This gave you the ability to redeem, right, and that ability, relative and resource and third of all, you have to have a resolve. This was your willingness to redeem a family or to redeem and purchase back a property, the resolve relative resource and resolve, Mr. So and so has the first two but he does not have the last. He's got the right he is the closest relative. He's got the resources he can afford to buy the field, but he doesn't have resolve. Well then steps in Boaz. Boaz has the right he is also a relative, he has the resources, he is wealthy, but he also has tenacious resolve. He is willing he wants to He'll do whatever it takes to redeem Naomi, and Ruth. So he steps into the story. We have hope again, in this fascinating drama. And so the next verse, Boaz replies, Boaz said to the elders and all the people, You are witnesses today that I am buying from Naomi, everything that belonged to Elimelech, Kilian and Mahlon I have also acquired

Ruth the more bitis Mahlon widow as my wife to perpetuate the deceased man's name on his property so that His name will not disappear among his relatives, or from the gate of his home town. You are witnesses of this, let's give it up for Team Boaz. Yes, what an incredible person blesses I want to redeem Ruth, I'm willing to pay the price. And in front of all of these official witnesses, Boaz signs the deal, he's gonna marry Ruth and Naomi will be provided for the rest of their life. Once you understand that Boaz doesn't need a field, he already has one. And he's got a good one. He doesn't need to actually do this. He could have evaded the opportunity just like Mr. So and so. But he wants to do this. And he willingly offers up his wealth, his money, his resources, to purchase the field, so he can redeem Naomi and Ruth, he buys the field to have his bride. He buys the field to have his bride. That reminds me of a parable that Jesus told in Matthew 13 This is what Jesus said, The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field that a man found and re buried. Then in his joy, he goes and sells everything he has and buys them that field.

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We said the kinsman redeemer had to have right resources and resolve. Jesus is our kinsman redeemer. He is the far superior Boaz, he is our relative because he took on skin he took on flesh in the Incarnation, and God became men. He walked on Earth as a God and men one was God and one with us. He has all of the resources of the universe, He created the world The world was made through him by Him and for Him, all things that were made were made through Him as just one road the entirety of the universe came to be he has all of the resources, but what makes them a saver is not simply his right and resource but as tenacious resolve to willingly lay down his life and pay the ultimate price of redemption. And Peter says, We were not redeemed with corruptible perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God without blemish, and without blood. Jesus lay down his life the price he willingly laid and taped it up again took it up again. Why? Because he saw a field with a treasure. He saw a field with a treasure And he paid the high price to purchase the field so he can have the treasure. Who is a treasure? It's you. We are the treasure. Jesus purchased the field for the treasure is the bride of Jesus. He bought the fields so he can have the bride, the Church of Jesus Christ can we give Jesus at Thanksgiving today? paying the price and having his bride Boaz officially redeemed Ruth and in the following verse of Ruth for the people of the town, the elders began to speak a blessing on Ruth and I love this because Ruth is not just a part of a transaction. She is a person. And this community of elders begins to pour out an incredible blessing on roof. Verse 11 goes at the people are the people who were at the city gates, including the elders said, we are witnesses. And may the Lord make the women who is entering your house, like Rachel and lair, who together have built the house of Israel. May you be powerful in Africa, and your name well known in Bethlehem. May your house become like the house of Perez, the son of Tamar board of Judah, because of the offspring the Lord would give you by this young woman. Wow, what a blessing. Ruth has gone from outsider to Insider from foreigner to family from a sermon in Boaz field to now being his wife, she has gone from merely being a pagan, Mo abiertas, to now being associated with Rachel and Leah, the two women who built the house of Israel, because the 12 tribes of Israel came from Rachel and Blair. And now the elders of the town are praying over roof. May God build the future of Israel through roof. What a blessing what a transformation. And this is what happens when Jesus purchased us with His blood

and he pays the ultimate sacrifice, because not only does he redeem us, He blesses us. He speaks a new name over you an entirely new identity over you. He removes the poverty of our soul, and he gives us every spiritual blessing in Christ. Your past is redeemed, and your future is certain because you are the purchase bride of Jesus Christ. What a blessing Jesus speaks over you and over me. The story keeps going in verse 13. Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. He slept with her and the Lord granted conception to her, and she gave birth to a son. Interesting, if you think about it, Ruth chapter two, the entire chapter was just about one day in the field. Chapter Three was really about just a few hours at night. But then it capsulated in one verse Ruth for 13, Ruth and boys get married, they get pregnant and they have a son boom.

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The narrator left a lot, a lot of details out of this story. We would love to know the details of the reception what holiday happened, leaves it all out. But there's one detail he does not leave out. He wants us to be sure to know the Lord granted conception to her, the Lord that that he granted conception. We know that God is powerfully at work in every single verse, in the book of Ruth, every verse, He is powerfully at work, but there's only two verses where we're explicitly told that God did something. God did something. It's here and then back in chapter one, verse six. Last week, I told you there were two great needs that Naomi and Ruth had one coming out of a famine, they needed food, and two coming out of the crisis of losing husbands and sons. They need a lineage, family, they needed food and family. And here we're told God meets the second need, he explicitly gave them a son. Back in chapter one, verse six, notice how God explicitly met their need. Number one, she had her daughters at last set out to return from the territory of Moab, because she had heard in Moab that the Lord had paid attention to his people's need by providing them food. The two very deep needs of Ruth and Naomi are the two deep needs of the narrator say God Himself. sovereignly providentially stepped in and provided he provided food because he paid attention to his people's need for Food and he gave conception to Ruth, because she needed a lineage. The narrator does not want us to miss that for all of our deepest needs. It's God and God alone who provides he and he alone provides you are not forgotten. You may feel empty, but God sees you. He knows you. You are His child, and he steps into your need. And he by his loving hand his providential hand, he provides in a way you can't even imagine in fact, what God gives us is better than what we could have ever dreamed, for. God gave explicitly food in lineage the two things Ruth and Naomi, needed. Here's sort of the last scene in Ruth for God gave them a son. And the woman said in verse 14, to Naomi, bless it be the Lord who has not left you without a family Redeemer today. That's interesting. There's referring to the child as the Redeemer now, that's never happened before. Hold on to that we may come back to that next week. May His name become well known in Israel, He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. Indeed, your daughter in law who loves you, and is better to you than seven sons has given birth to him. Naomi took the child placed him on her lap, and became a mother to him she nourished and cared for this baby. The entire book of Ruth was simply about a romance story of Boaz and Ruth. This book would end with Boaz and Ruth and this newly formed family. But it doesn't end that way, does it? No, it ends with Naomi and this grandson because his book is far more it is greater than just a story of Ruth and Boaz. In fact, the book ends of the book of Ruth is the condition of

Naomi. Look at chapter one and chapter four. And contrast the condition of Naomi chapter one begins with death and tragedy, Naomi's home, she loses her husband and two sons, chapter four. She's holding a newborn baby, holding life in our hands. In chapter one, she feels like God has abandoned her. He has afflicted me, says Naomi. But here, the same women in town who saw her bitter and hopeless in chapter one are saying to her, God has not left you without our Redeemer. He has visited you. In chapter one, Naomi feels like she's under the curse of God. But here she's blessed. The ladies of the town so you are blessed more than seven sons, which was a blessing of perfection in ancient times. You're so blessed. Chapter One, Naomi comes into town saying, I left foil and it came back empty handed, came back empty. Now there is a young grandson in her hand, she's no longer empty.

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The scene at the end of Ruth was Naomi holding this son this baby proclaims to all of us today these unchangeable truths about God. Here are the truths that Ruth for his ending with a God always brings us people from death to life, from curse to blessing, from bitterness, to joy, and from emptiness to fullness. That God by the power of the gospel brings his people from death to life, curse to blessing, bitterness, to joy and emptiness, to fullness. Maybe you hear that, and you're thinking, Well, I still got a lot of unanswered prayers, I still have unmet needs, you may feel like you're living in the chapter one of roof, and you may feel like you're still empty. But here's what I want you to know today that if you are in Christ, that He is that if you are in Christ, Ruth tells us, not just what God can do, but what he already has done. That's the next slide here, that if you're in Christ, Ruth is proclaiming to you and I, not just what God can do, but he's already done in you through and in Christ. Yes, we may have unmet needs. But if you have Christ, you have everything. You have a gift that cannot be robbed from you. You have salvation, you have an inheritance in Christ that far supersedes anything we could ever have here on earth. Because the Christian gospel like we said a few weeks ago, it's simply this Jesus thought nothing equals everything. And everything minus Jesus equals nothing. Jesus plus nothing equals everything and everything minus Jesus equals nothing. I thank God for the gifts he gives him the blessings, he pours out. But once you and I have tasted the giver, any gifts will pale in comparison to who he is. So what Ruth is saying is that Jesus is our highest treasure. He is our greatest outcome. He is our treasured goal. And if we have him, and he has us, we have already come from death to life, curse to blessing from bitterness to joy, and from the emptiness of our soul to the fullness of gospel transformation and power deep in our soul that cannot be hidden. You've already come to the fullness of the Godhead living in you the kingdom of God. Right here right in you. Story is amazing. And just when you think it's over, the narrator gives us perhaps the best secret to the story. It's like when you leave a movie theater thinking the movie is over. As you're walking out, there's a break in the scroll of all the edits and a surprise scene. Here's a surprise scene in verse 17. The neighbor woman said his son has been born to Naomi, the name the Obed. He was a father of Jesse, the father of David, the father of Jesse, the father of David Obed. This baby. Wow. This story that took place in the darkest time of Israel's history, made way for the greatest king in Israel's history. King David. The story of Ruth happened before the reign of King David but it was written down, recorded during his reign, to show us where David came from, came from an unlikely place from a Moabite. He came through death and tragedy and famine. This is where David came from. This is where

he came from. From Ruth, the mobile virus, a foreigner, a stranger, a widow, as she took small, everyday steps. Radical steps obey God to love God to stay in the story with God. God would make Ruth the grandmother of King David Boaz, who sacrificially puts up the price to buy a field to have Ruth and Naomi, God would honor him by making him the grandfather of King David. Ruth one begins with 10 years of famine. There's a law in Deuteronomy 23 that says even to the 10th generation more by cannot enter the Assembly of God. But has said love changes everything. God's love redeems and renews. And Ruth chapter four ends with 10 generations 1010 1010 generations coming all the way from Judah all the way through Ruth, the Moabite us to King David.

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That genealogy then is repeated in Matthew one and Matthew expands this genealogy and here's a few things in the genealogy of Jesus that Matthew mentions. Judah fathered presses verse three to six and 16 Judah Father Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez fathered hezron hezron fathered a ram a ram father Aminah dab a minute dad, Father nation and Nishan fathered Solomon, Solomon fathered Boaz by Rahab. Whoa, that's a big deal. Boaz father Obed by Ruth Obed father Jesse and Jesse father, King David. David fathered Solomon by Uriah his wife, and Jacob father Joseph, the husband of Mary, verse 16, who gave birth to Jesus, who is called the Messiah. Roof, not just a grandmother to King David. Right in the genealogy of King Jesus. Do you see what I see here? Who is Boaz is Ma re ha. Whoa Ray have the Canaanite a once harlot. The Joshua and his men showed her sad love to end delivered and rescued. Perhaps this is why Boaz is looking to root with compassion and generosity because someone looked at his mom with compassion and generosity, someone rescued redeemed Rahab out of the kindness of God. So how could Boaz not pay it forward and pay whatever price to redeem another one Forerunner named. Notice the four women in the genealogy of Jesus, Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Uriah, his wife, by the name of Bathsheba, fascinating stories, messy stories, all of them have a story, a past that God redeemed, and none of them are Israelites. None of them are Israelites, Tamar and Rahab are both Canaanite. Ruth is a mo abiertas. And Uriah, his wife is a Hittite. None of them expected to be in the story of God and the genealogy of Jesus. All of them was dark past and pain that God redeemed. But they're here in the story for the same reason. You and I are here in the story. Because God saves the worst of sinners. He saved the most unlikely person who was outside of the covenant of God, and he brings the outsider in, he looks for messy stories. And in fact, he is attracted to messy stories. He looked for those that the community around them has put on the fringes of society, and even put on a scarlet letter on them say you are not worthy, you are not qualified. You don't have the right blood, you don't have the right history. And God looks for them and he redeems that person. He looks for her, he looks for him who has disqualified themselves from the grace of God and God says, You are the treasure I paid the price to redeem to buy the you could be my bride. Because God's attracted to mess with the church. We too will be attracted to messy stories, offering this gift of redemption to anyone who would come our way. You just never know what God can do. With small, radical, daily steps of obedience, Ruth and Boaz had no idea how God redeemed their stories. In fact, we know more about their genealogy than they did. They didn't even see where their story would end up at the Messiah would come from there line. up just never know what one conversation one step of obedience,

the next step of giving and serving and showing a sad love to the person in front of you, what it could do to them and to you and how an almighty God through His providence and love weaves together acts of love and kindness, obedience to a covenant God. And he writes an extraordinary story that will change generations to come. Let's pray. Father, thank you for changing our story. Thank you for this incredible story of Ruth. Are you transformed and Redeemed and Restored to a point that was unimaginable.

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Through this foreigner servants slave widow Ruth came Jesus to Naomi and Boaz Obed. We get to celebrate your providence and love its father, we offer you our lives of fresh our decisions are conversations that are hard and difficult moments where we want to quit. But may we be found faithful in the little moments? May we be found listening to the prompting of heaven, the thoughts of God Your Spirit at work because we just never know how one small thing could impact not only a person not only a life but a legacy. We offer you our church got to impact lives and legacies for the future to come. There is anyone here joining me online or in this room who feels disqualified from your story of grace from the scandal of grace. Today, grace is reaching towards them. You were saying to them, you're who I came for I paid the price to save you to give you a new life and eternal life for a given life. So far that we you open hearts today by faith to follow Jesus to surrender our hearts to you to surrender our life to you saying Jesus, plus nothing is everything. We could just have him. That's all we need. We love you. We thank you. In Jesus name we pray. Amen. Amen. I mean, thank God for this amazing roof. Story. We're not quite done with Ruth. Next week, I'm going to go back through the entire book and look at just gospel truths and implications that are implicit but so profound in the book of Ruth. So join us back next week. As you leave I want to just give you a quick reminders. If you're new, we hope you'll take some time and visit us in the prayer room or in the Welcome Center. If you've got questions, we hope to have some answers. And if you need prayer, we've got a group of team ready to pray with you. Maybe you're going through chapter one or even chapter two of Ruth, feeling empty feeling this burden of life on you give us the privilege to pray for you to walk with you. As you leave, you'll see a few things in the lobby today. One is fine arts day camp is going to be happening again this summer. It's one of the highlights of our year. And you'll have a chance to sign up and and get to know more about it. If you're unfamiliar, my daughter will be starting enough for the first time this year as well. So we're super excited for FADC happening this year, this summer. So take a look at that. And to Easter's coming up. Just FYI, Easter is like a few weeks away. So put that on your calendar. It's going to be an incredible week. And we can we'll have journey to the cross happening all throughout the week. And so if you haven't signed up, we're mad. There's a lot of people signing up. So if you haven't signed up, do it this way. Don't wait to the last minute cuz you may not have a spot. So do it this week, sign up for journey to the cross sign to serve, if you got leads you that way. And especially I want to remind you on Easter Sunday, it's it is a Super Bowl weekend of the year for us as a church and there's gonna be tons of people here at Carrollton and maybe online as well joining us for the first time and we are looking for more servant leaders that weekend and we will love it if you go online to our website or even in the Welcome Center and sign up to serve on Easter weekend. We want to overwhelm guests and visitors with the love of Jesus because they matter to us. So we're hoping

that you would worship one hour and serve one hour in some capacity. Let's be an incredible demonstration of God's love on Easter weekend. I love you. God bless you. We'll see you back soon.