

RUTH 2:1-16

GOD CARES FOR YOU

It was harvest time in Bethlehem. Ruth went to a field to pick up some leftover grain there. Boaz was the owner of that field. He had heard how Ruth had been taking care of Naomi. He called Ruth and said she could continue collecting grain in his field. Moreover, he allowed Ruth to drink from the water jar when she got thirsty and to eat with the other workers. Boaz even told his workers to purposely leave some grain for Ruth to pick up. So, every day Ruth brought home so much grain and Ruth and Naomi always had enough food to eat.

That was how God rewarded Ruth for her faithfulness to Him and to Naomi, her mother in law. God took care of both of them through Boaz. The Bible says that God will take care of His children. You can always trust God that He will always provide all of your needs.

No matter how small or insignificant your need may seem to you or to others, it is never too small or unimportant to God. If it matters to you, it matters to God. He is willing to take care of your every need because He cares about you.

Key verse:

*Psalm 23:1
The Lord is my shepherd. I have everything I need.*

Prayer

Dear God, I know that You care about every aspect of my life. Guide me in my daily life with Your loving care. Amen.



RUTH 4:1-10

GUARDIAN REDEEMER

A guardian redeemer back in the day was a near relative of a man who had died and left his widow in a difficult situation. Elimelech and his two sons had died, leaving Naomi and Ruth behind. Boaz was a relative of Elimelech, thus, Boaz became the guardian redeemer of Naomi and Ruth. Boaz bought the land that belonged to Elimelech and his sons, and he took Ruth as his wife. By doing this, Elimelech's property would stay with his family. He rescued Naomi and Ruth from their difficult situation. Then, Boaz, Ruth and Naomi lived happily as one family.

Sometimes, like Naomi and Ruth, we might be in a difficult situation that is just beyond our control. We need a guardian redeemer that can rescue us from this hopeless situation. Our guardian redeemer is Jesus Christ. Not only can He rescue us from our difficult situation, He can also rescue us from eternal death.

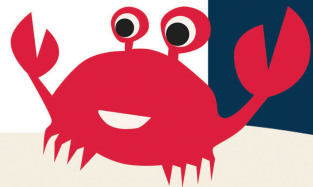
By confessing that Jesus is our Lord and Saviour, we become part of Jesus' family. As part of His family, we are eternally saved because He will take care of us to eternity.

Key verse:

*Isaiah 47:4
Our Redeemer,
the Lord
Almighty is His
name, is the
Holy One of
Israel.*

Prayer

*Dear Jesus, thank
You for forgiving
all of my sins and
for redeeming my
life from eternal
death. Thank You
for rescuing my
soul. I praise You!
Amen.*



1 SAMUEL 1:1-20

GOD LISTENS TO PRAYERS

There was a woman named Hannah. She had been waiting to have a baby for a very long time. She was getting older but still didn't get pregnant so it made her feel so terribly sad. Hannah cried and prayed to God in the house of God. In her prayer, she told God honestly how she felt and what she really longed for. A priest named Eli watched Hannah while she was praying. Before Hannah left, Eli told her that God would grant what she had asked of Him. And YES, God answered her prayer and gave her a son.

Hannah knew and understood that there was great power and blessing in prayers. God is trustworthy. You and I have the privilege of having Someone who is willing to listen to the cry of our hearts. Sometimes God does not answer in the way you expect, but He always answers in the greatest way according to His will.

What is in your heart today?
Just pour it out before God as He is so much more than ready to listen to it.

Key verse:

*Psalm 66:19
But God has listened. He has heard my prayer.*

Prayer

Dear God, right now I am coming to You and want to tell You about

(tell Him whatever is in your heart).

Thank You for listening to my prayer. Amen.



1 SAMUEL 3

WHEN GOD SPEAKS

Hannah named her son Samuel. As Hannah had promised, when Samuel was big enough, she took Samuel to the house of the Lord to be raised there. Samuel was to serve the Lord under Eli the priest. One night while Samuel was sleeping, he heard someone call him. He thought it was Eli. He went to Eli, but Eli said he hadn't called him. It happened up to three times. At the third time, Eli realized that it was God who had been calling Samuel. So, Eli told him to go to bed and to say, 'Speak, Lord. I am your servant, and I am listening,' if the voice called him again. Samuel obeyed Eli and told God that he was ready to listen to Him.

God does not only speak to adults. He also speaks to children. Samuel was still very young back then, but God chose to speak to him about His plans! God also loves to speak to all of you, children.

God might not speak audibly to you like He did to Samuel but God speaks to you through the Bible or the Bible story taught in church. Just like Samuel, tell God, "Speak, Lord. I am listening."

Key verse:

*Ezekiel 12:25
This is because
I, the Lord God,
will speak.*

Prayer

*Dear God, draw
me close to You
and I seek to
know You more
and more. Speak
to me, God.
Amen.*



1 SAMUEL 5:1-7

GOD OF ALL 'GODS'

There was a war between the Israelites and the Philistines. The Israelites were defeated, Eli's sons were killed and, worst of all, the Ark of the Covenant of God was taken by the Philistines! They brought the Ark of the Covenant to the city of Ashdod. The Philistines placed the Ark of the Covenant in their temple next to their god named Dagon.

What happened next?

Dagon fell to the ground before the Ark of God. The people of Ashdod were struck with tumors. Even when they moved the Ark of God to other cities, Gath and Ekron, the same disaster happened. There was a deadly destruction throughout all the cities where the Ark of God was brought. No one could handle the tragedy. Not even their god could help them! The Philistines learned the hard way that no one could stand against the Lord.

The Ark of the Covenant represents God's presence. Dagon could not stand in the presence of God because God is holy and He is the true God while Dagon is a false god. God is powerful and almighty. Nothing and no one can stand against Him.

Aren't we blessed that we believe in the true God and God of all gods?

Key verse:

*1 Chronicles
16:25*

*The Lord is
great; He should
be praised.
He should be
honored more
than all the
gods.*

Prayer

*Dear God, let me
sing praise and
glory to Your
name because
You alone are
the true God.
You are worthy
of all honour and
praise. Amen.*



1 SAMUEL 7:2-11

PRAYING TOGETHER

After seven months, the Philistines finally sent the Ark of the Covenant of God back to where it belonged. Then it remained in one of the Israelite cities named Kiriath Jearim.

Samuel asked the Israelites to assemble in Mizpah to have a prayer meeting. When they were praying, they heard that the Philistines were going to attack them. They were scared. However, instead of dismissing themselves from this prayer meeting and running for their lives, they asked Samuel to keep on praying and crying out to God. Samuel cried out to God and offered up a burnt offering to Him. God heard and answered him.

God thundered with a loud thunder upon the Philistines. This thundering must have been so mightily loud and supernatural that it caused confusion among the skilled fighters of the Philistines. The Israelites overcame the Philistines. This was how God answered their prayer.

There is power in prayer. There is even greater power in praying together. That's why it is important for us Christians to come together in prayer. You can pray together with your family at home, with your friends and teachers at church or in your cell group. You will experience lots of God's power and miracles through these prayers.

Key verse:

*Matthew 18:20
... if two or three
people come
together in My
name, I am there
with them.*

Prayer

*Dear God, I
believe that
there is power
in prayer. I want
to experience
more of Your
supernatural
power through
my prayer. Amen.*



1 SAMUEL 8:1-19

NEXT TO GOD, THY PARENTS

Samuel got older and he had two sons. Unfortunately, his sons did not live the way Samuel lived. In fact, they were wicked. The Israelites did not want his sons to be their leaders thus they requested for a king to rule them. Samuel prayed to God and God instructed him to tell the Israelites what it would be like if they were ruled by a king. God gave His warning that having a king would not be as pleasant as they thought. However, the Israelites did not take that warning into their consideration and insisted on having a king just so that they could be like other nations.

God gave His advice and warning to the Israelites through Samuel. In the same way, God gives you His advice and warning through your parents. Your parents will not always grant every single thing you ask of them. Your parents love you dearly and they know what's best for you. So, when they grant your wish, be thankful to them. But when they don't, do not grumble or throw a tantrum. They will give what is best for you at its best timing.

Listen to your parents and obey them because they are God's representatives to guide and protect you.

Key verse:

*Proverbs 1:8
My child, listen
to your father's
teaching. And
do not forget
your mother's
advice.*

Prayer

*Dear God, I thank
You for my parents
who always guide
and advise me
regarding my
wishes and
choices in life.
Help me to always
listen to them.
Bless them always
with health and
wisdom, Lord.
Amen.*

