SERMON: The Why to Being a Blessing SERIES: Blessed to be a Blessing

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Ruth 4:13 (NKJV)

1. Everyone needs **SOMEONE**, some of the time, to be a blessing to them.

RUTH 1:16 But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11(NLT) So encourage each other and build each other up...

ACTS 9:26-27 Back in Jerusalem he (Paul) tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him. They didn't trust him one bit. ²⁷Then Barnabas took him under his wing.

2. Being a blessing requires **SACRIFICE**.

EPHESIANS 5:1-2 (NLT) *Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children.* ² *Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.*

3. **EVERYONE** can be a blessing

2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-2 (NLT) *Now I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, what God in his kindness has done through the churches in Macedonia.* ² *They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity.*

4. The best time to be a blessing is when **YOU NEED A BLESSING**.

EPHESIANS 3:20-21 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹ to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

5. Being a blessing brings Jesus TO THE WORLD.