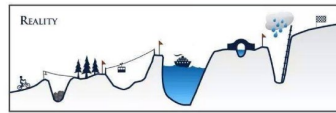


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Church Life

- If you are a guest with us today, we want to **WELCOME** you! If you haven't done so already, we invite you to stop by our Guest Reception Center in the lobby at the scooter table following the service. Someone will greet you, answer any questions you may have, and give you a gift as a thank-you for worshipping with us today!
- **Bible Reading Plan** - This year, we are encouraging our entire church to read through the Bible in one year. Every weekend, we will be giving away a \$50 gift card to a person who read the readings for the prior week. So here's how this works, please visit the scooter table **BEFORE** service, write your name on a ticket (if you did the readings for the week), and drop it in the bin. Then, at the end of the service, Pastor Adam will pull out a name, and someone will go home with a gift card(all services). We want to encourage our church to be in their Bibles, happy reading!
- Here at Grace, we have a wonderful **meal train ministry**. If any of our church family undergoes a significant life event, like a new baby, surgery, etc., we like to take one thing off their plates by bringing them dinner. If you've done that in the past and would like to continue to be a part of the meal train team (or would like to start!), email Kate Dulmes at kate.dulmes@gmail.com.
- **Thank you** to all who signed up to make a meal for Quest (our youth group)! Below is another link for additional meals following the new year, <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/9040e4aafa62aa7f49-youth1>
- Grace is looking for some friendly men and women to serve at the Information desk/Scooter table. Please fill out your connection card if you are interested!
- TOPS is meeting at Grace every Tuesday from 5-7 pm. All women are welcome to join. No sign up is needed.
- Doors of Hope at City on a Hill, formerly known as ATLAS, is excited about their Annual Christmas Wreath Fundraiser! Please consider supporting their ministry through your wreath purchases. Proceeds will help many local families that are in need this Christmas! Wreath sizes vary from 22" to 50", with options available from \$15 to \$60. For questions or to place your order, please contact Cindy Aguilar at (616) 748-6529 or e-mail cindy.doorsofhope@coahm.org.



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Ruth 1: 1-5 NLT, In the days when the judges ruled in Israel, a severe famine came upon the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah left his home and went to live in the country of Moab, taking his wife and two sons with him. ² The man's name was Elimelech, and his wife was Naomi. Their two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in the land of Judah. And when they reached Moab, they settled there. ³ Then Elimelech died, and Naomi was left with her two sons. ⁴ The two sons married Moabite women. One married a woman named Orpah, and the other a woman named Ruth. But about ten years later, ⁵ both Mahlon and Kilion died. This left Naomi alone, without her two sons or her husband.

Note #1: Reality can bring _____, loss of _____, and _____ to be made.

Ruth 1:6-15, ⁶ Then Naomi heard in Moab that the LORD had blessed his people in Judah by giving them good crops again. So Naomi and her daughters-in-law got ready to leave Moab to return to her homeland. ⁷ With her two daughters-in-law she set out from the place where she had been living, and they took the road that would lead them back to Judah. ⁸ But on the way, Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back to your mothers' homes. And may the LORD reward you for your kindness to your husbands and to me. ⁹ May the LORD bless you with the security of another marriage." Then she kissed them good-bye, and they all broke down and wept. ¹⁰ "No," they said. "We want to go with you to your people." ¹¹ But Naomi replied, "Why should you go on with me? Can I still give birth to other sons who could grow up to be your husbands? ¹² No, my daughters, return to your parents' homes, for I am too old to marry again. And even if it were possible, and I were to get married tonight and bear sons, then what? ¹³ Would you wait for them to grow up and refuse to marry someone else? No, of course not, my daughters! Things are far more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD himself has raised his fist against me." ¹⁴ And again they wept together, and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye. But Ruth clung tightly to Naomi. ¹⁵ "Look," Naomi said to her, "your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods. You should do the same." ¹⁶ But Ruth replied, "Don't ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. ¹⁷ Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD punish me severely if I allow anything but death to separate us!" ¹⁸ When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she said nothing more. ¹⁹ So the two of them continued on their journey. When they came to Bethlehem, the entire town was excited by their arrival. "Is it really Naomi?" the women asked. ²⁰ "Don't call me Naomi," she responded. "Instead, call me Mara,^[a] for the Almighty has made life very bitter for me. ²¹ I went away full, but the LORD has brought me home empty. Why call me Naomi when the LORD has caused me to suffer^[b] and the Almighty has sent such tragedy upon me?" ²² So Naomi returned from Moab, accompanied by her daughter-in-law Ruth, the young Moabite woman. They arrived in Bethlehem in late spring, at the beginning of the barley harvest.

Note #2: Reality reveals _____.

Ruth 2:1-12, Now there was a wealthy and influential man in Bethlehem named Boaz, who was a relative of Naomi's husband, Elimelech. ² One day Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go out into the harvest fields to pick up the stalks of grain left behind by anyone who is kind enough to let me do it." Naomi replied, "All right, my daughter, go ahead." 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. ⁴ 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, except for a few minutes' rest in the shelter." ⁸ Boaz went over and said to Ruth, "Listen, my daughter. Stay right here with us when you gather grain; don't go to any other fields. Stay right behind the young women working in my field. ⁹ See which part of the field they are harvesting, and then follow them. I have warned the young men not to treat you roughly. And when you are thirsty, help yourself to the water they have drawn from the well." ¹⁰ Ruth fell at his feet and thanked him warmly. "What have I done to deserve such kindness?" she asked. "I am only a foreigner." ¹¹ "Yes, I know," Boaz replied. "But I also know about everything you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband. I have heard how you left your father and mother and your own land to live here among complete strangers. ¹² May the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully for what you have done."

Note #3: Revealed character in reality never goes _____.

Note #4: _____ us in our reality. He is indeed our family redeemer.