

# Community Notes

November 27-28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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**This was week 1 of our current series “Redeemed” - a look into what the Book of Ruth teaches us.**

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What stood out to you the most in this weekend’s message? Why was this so impactful to you?

**1. Read Ruth 1:1-2. Elimelech and Naomi were faced with running from a problem or trusting God in their adverse circumstances, and they chose to run.**

- a. Why do you think it feels easier to run from adversity instead of trusting God?
- b. Can you relate to Elimelech in wanting to flee his circumstances?
- c. Instead of fleeing, what could they have done differently?

**2. Read Ruth 1:3-5**

- a. Do you believe these deaths are a consequence of their actions to leave Bethlehem? If so, why?
- b. Have you ever felt that your choices have led to God’s discipline?

**3. Read Ruth 1:14-18**

- a. Why did Naomi discourage her daughter-in-laws from coming with her?
- b. Why do you think Ruth was insistent on going with Naomi?
- c. How does Ruth’s response to these circumstances differ from Naomi’s?

**4. In Ruth 1:21, Naomi says she went away full and came back empty.**

- a. Why do you think Naomi feels this way?
- b. Have you ever struggled with bitterness toward God for the choices you made?

**5. Reflect on what lessons you learned from Ruth Chapter 1 and share with the group**

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- 1. Based on how the Spirit has spoken to you this week, what is one action step you want to take this week to align yourself more fully with Scripture?**
- 2. How has your time with God, in the Word, and in prayer been this past week?**
- 3. What personal spiritual struggle(s), are you facing and how will you actively surrender them to God this week? (Marriage, parenting, work, finances, relationships, personal strongholds/sin, etc.)**
- 4. What else can we be praying with you about this week?**

**Announcements**

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***Not Your Mama's Christmas Carol – Pajama Party!***

Visit the Information Station and sign up to join us for Cornerstone's Women's Ministry Christmas event. **Friday, December 3rd from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** Enjoy a Potluck dinner and dessert in the comfort of your pajamas!

**– No Childcare Provided –**

We encourage bringing an unwrapped gift for the Florida United Methodist Children's Home Christmas Wish List found below!

**Men's Breakfast – Iron Sharpens Iron**

December 11 8:00 - 10:30 am |

We are Spiritual Soldiers! But what does that mean? Join us for a morning of fellowship, as we dive deeper into what being a man of God truly means. Breakfast will be provided!

**Sign ups are at the Information Station, our team can't wait to see you there!**

**CHRISTMAS EVE- BRIGHT NIGHT**

**December 24<sup>th</sup> services at 4:30pm & 6:00pm**

Christmas is a time to spend together personally invite a friends, family, and co workers and Come celebrate with us!

We personally invite you to our Christmas Eve services: December 24th at 4:30pm & 6:00pm. Join us for music, hot cocoa, Christmas cookies and more – a service for the entire family.