

SOVEREIGN GOD
Ruth 4:18-22 CSB

Now these are the family records of Perez: Perez fathered Hezron, ¹⁹Hezron fathered Ram, Ram fathered Amminadab, ²⁰Amminadab fathered Nahshon, Nahshon fathered Salmon, ²¹Salmon fathered Boaz, Boaz fathered Obed, ²²Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David.

Ruth 4:18-22 (CSB)

We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28 (CSB)

So Ruth left and entered the field to gather grain behind the harvesters. She happened to be in the portion of the field belonging to Boaz, who was from Elimelech's family.

Ruth 2:3 (CSB)

A song of ascents. Of David. LORD, my heart is not proud; my eyes are not haughty. I do not get involved with things too great or too wondrous for me. ²Instead, I have calmed and quieted my soul like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like a weaned child. ³Israel, put your hope in the LORD, both now and forever.

Psalms 131:1-3 (CSB)

1. God doesn't call you because your PAST is so IMPRESSIVE.

In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did whatever seemed right to him.

Judges 21:25 (CSB)

During the time of the judges, there was a famine in the land. A man left Bethlehem in Judah with his wife and two sons to stay in the territory of Moab for a while. ²The man's name was Elimelech, and his wife's name was Naomi. The names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They entered the fields of Moab and settled there. ³Naomi's husband, Elimelech, died, and she was left with her two sons.

Ruth 1:1-3 (CSB)

Her sons took Moabite women as their wives: one was named Orpah and the second was named Ruth. After they lived in Moab about ten years, ⁵both Mahlon and Chilion also died, and the woman was left without her two children and without her husband.

Ruth 1:4-5 (CSB)

2. God doesn't call you because your PRESENT is so PERFECT.

But Naomi replied, "Return home, my daughters. Why do you want to go with me? Am I able to have any more sons who could become your husbands? ¹²Return home, my daughters. Go on, for I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me to have a husband tonight and to bear sons, ¹³would you be willing to wait for them to grow up? Would you restrain yourselves from remarrying? No, my daughters,

my life is much too bitter for you to share, because the LORD's hand has turned against me."
¹⁴*Again they wept loudly, and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.*
¹⁵*Naomi said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods.
Follow your sister-in-law."*

Ruth 1:11-15 (CSB)

She fell facedown, bowed to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor with you, so that you notice me, although I am a foreigner?"

Ruth 2:10 (CSB)

3. God doesn't call you because your FUTURE is so BRIGHT.

Ruth's mother-in-law Naomi said to her, "My daughter, shouldn't I find rest for you, so that you will be taken care of? ²Now isn't Boaz our relative? Haven't you been working with his female servants? This evening he will be winnowing barley on the threshing floor. ³Wash, put on perfumed oil, and wear your best clothes. Go down to the threshing floor, but don't let the man know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴When he lies down, notice the place where he's lying, go in and uncover his feet, and lie down. Then he will explain to you what you should do." ⁵So Ruth said to her, "I will do everything you say."

Ruth 3:1-5 (CSB)

4. God called you, or calls you, because He has SOMETHING for YOU to DO.

"This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this: to lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants anymore, because a servant doesn't know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce fruit and that your fruit should remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. ¹⁷This is what I command you: Love one another.

John 15:12-17 (CSB)

*Oh, the depth of the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments and untraceable his ways! ³⁴For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor? ³⁵And who has ever given to God, that he should be repaid? ³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever.
Amen.*

Romans 11:33-36 (CSB)

We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28 (CSB)

For those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit have their minds set on the things of the Spirit. ⁷Now the mindset of the flesh is death, but the mindset of the Spirit is life and peace. The mindset of the flesh is hostile to God because it does not submit to God's law. Indeed, it is unable to do so. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 8:5-8 (CSB)