

Good Morning!

- *Connection Cards in the bulletin*
Interested in the Starting Point class?

All Church BBQ/Potluck

Sept 20th after service!



ADVENTURE'S 6TH ANNUAL HARVEST PARTY COOKOFF!

Sunday October 4th @ 4:30pm

Cooking Competition/Prizes

Games/Community



Retreat Dates

Oct 23rd - 25th - Men's Retreat

April 2nd - 4th - Women's Retreat

A blacksmith is forging a piece of metal in a furnace. The furnace is filled with bright orange and yellow flames. Sparks are flying out of the furnace, creating a shower of light. The background is dark and industrial, with various metal parts and tools visible.

Character

forged in fire

Two keys to Nehemiah's Resolve:

- Knowing and Believing God's Character
- Knowing and Believing God's Will



Character Trait

Loyalty



Loyalty

Loyalty implies a faithfulness that is steadfast in the face of any temptation to renounce, desert, or betray.
(*Merriam-Webster*)



The Loyal Love of Ruth



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Ruth 1:14–18

Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵ And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” ¹⁶ But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. **May the LORD do so to me** and more also if anything but death parts me from you.” ¹⁸ And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. ESV

The Loyal Love of Ruth

Ruth 1:19–21

So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, “Is this Naomi?” ²⁰ She said to them, “Do not call me Naomi(*pleasant*); call me Mara(*bitter*), for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. ²¹ I **went away full**, and the LORD has **brought me back empty**. Why call me Naomi, when the LORD has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?” ESV

The Loyal Love of Ruth

Kinsman Redeemer

Male relative who, according to various laws found in the Pentateuch, had the privilege or responsibility to act for a relative who was in trouble, danger, or need of vindication. *(Bakers Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology)*

The Loyal Love of Ruth

Ruth 2:10–12

Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, “Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?” ¹¹ But Boaz answered her, “**All that you have done for your mother-in-law** since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. ¹² The LORD repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!” ESV

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God's Covenant Loyalty (checed, *kheh-sed*, *hesed*)

Ruth 2:20

And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, “May he be blessed by the LORD, whose **kindness (checed)** has not forsaken the living or the dead!” Naomi also said to her, “The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers.” ESV

Ruth 3:10

And he said, “May you be blessed by the Lord, my daughter. You have made this last **kindness (checed)** greater than the first in that you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. ESV

God's Covenant Loyalty (cheched, *kheh-sed*, *hesed*)

Deuteronomy 7:9

“Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and **steadfast love (cheched)** with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,” ^{ESV}

Micah 7:18–20

“Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in **steadfast love. (cheched)** ¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. ²⁰ You will show faithfulness to Jacob and **steadfast love(cheched)** to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.” ^{ESV}

Loyalty



Are you believing/receiving God's steadfast (loyal) love for you?

Romans 5:8

"but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for US." ESV

Is God urging you to stay loyal in something? To someone? To Him?

John 14:15

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments." ESV

