

MOTHER'S DAY May 12, 2024

Living a Legacy of Faith. Ruth 1-2, 1 Kings 17, 1 Sam.1-2



Sticky Statement: A legacy of faith will always be LIVED not LEFT!

3 ways faith has to lead your life if you're going to leave a legacy of faith:

1. FAITH ALWAYS LEADS YOU TO _____ GOD'S WILL INSTEAD OF YOUR WAY.

³"Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, ⁵ both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband." Ruth 1:3-5

Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. "Your people will be my people and your God my God."
Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." Ruth 1:16-17

³"So she went out, entered a field and began to glean behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she was working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelek. ⁴ Just then Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters, "The Lord be with you!" "The Lord bless you!" they answered. ⁵ Boaz asked the overseer of his harvesters, "Who does that young woman belong to?" Ruth 2:3-5

FAITH will ONLY lead you where you're willing to be LED.

2. FAITH ALWAYS LEADS YOU TO _____ THE POSSIBLE IN THE IMPOSSIBLE.

"... the Lord had closed her womb." "Because the Lord had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her....

11 And she made a vow, saying, "Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head." 1 Samuel 1:5-6, 11

"Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the Lord and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. ²⁰ So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the Lord for him." V19-20

What if God is not wanting to CHANGE your circumstances but use your circumstances to change YOU!

"21 And the Lord was gracious to Hannah; she gave birth to three sons and two daughters. Meanwhile, the boy Samuel grew up in the presence of the Lord." 1 Samuel 2:21

3. FAITH ALWAYS LEADS YOU TO THE _____ OF YOURSELF.

12 "As surely as the Lord your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die. 13 Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. 14 For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land. 15 She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. 16 For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah." 1 Kings 17:12-16

Your FAITH begins when you END.

Relational Discipleship Moment:

"but only speak as is good for building up others, according to the need and the occasion, so that it will be a blessing to those who hear." Ephesians 4:29 (Amplified version)

", God reminded me today that you have	been an
incredible influence on my life. My faith and walk with Jesus is	different
because of how you have lived out your faith and love for me.	Thank you
leaving me a legacy of faith to follow!"	