

Song #1 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
oh my soul, praise Him,
for He is your health and salvation.
All you who hear, now to His temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord,
over all things so wondrously reigning,
shelters you under His wings, oh so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen how your desires have been
granted in His wise ordaining?

Praise to the Lord,
Who with marvelous wisdom has made you,
decked you with health,
and with loving hand guided and stayed you.
How oft in grief has He not brought you relief,
spreading His wings for to shade you!

Praise to the Lord, oh let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again:
gladly forever adore Him!

Song #2 – O God Our Help

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come;
Be Thou our guide while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

Song #3 – His Mercy is More

*Praise the Lord,
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness,
new every morn
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more
So much more!

Song #4 – Take My Life

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord to Thee;
Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love,
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee;
Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King,
Always, only, for my King

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I with-hold
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Message Title: **When You Don't Have Hope**

Ruth 2: 1-23 | Sunday AM, August 23rd, 2020 | Pastor Jack Lamb

1 There was a relative of Naomi's husband, a man of great wealth, of the family of Elimelech. His name was Boaz. **2** So Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Please let me go to the field, and glean heads of grain after him in whose sight I may find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter." **3** Then she left, and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers. And she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. **4** Now behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said to the reapers, "The Lord be with you!" And they answered him, "The Lord bless you!" **5** Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?" **6** So the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered and said, "It is the young Moabite woman who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab." **7** And she said, 'Please let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves.' So she came and has continued from morning until now, though she rested a little in the house." **8** Then Boaz said to Ruth, "You will listen, my daughter, will you not? Do not go to glean in another field, nor go from here, but stay close by my young women. **9** Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them. Have I not commanded the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn." **10** So she fell on her face, bowed down 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** And Boaz answered and said to her, "It has been fully reported to me, all that you have

done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband, and how you have left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and have come to a people whom you did not know before. **12** The Lord repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge." **13** Then she said, "Let me find favor in your sight, my lord; for you have comforted me, and have spoken kindly to your maidservant, though I am not like one of your maidservants." **14** Now Boaz said to her at mealtime, "Come here, and eat of the bread, and dip your piece of bread in the vinegar." So she sat beside the reapers, and he passed parched grain to her; and she ate and was satisfied, and kept some back. **15** And when she rose up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her. **16** Also let grain from the bundles fall purposely for her; leave it that she may glean, and do not rebuke her." **17** So she gleaned in the field until evening, and beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. **18** Then she took it up and went into the city, and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. So she brought out and gave to her what she had kept back after she had been satisfied. **19** And her mother-in-law said to her, "Where have you gleaned today? And where did you work? Blessed be the one who took notice of you." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, and said, "The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz." **20** Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "Blessed be he of the Lord, who has not forsaken His kindness to the living and the dead!" And Naomi said to her, "This man is a relation of ours, one of our close relatives." **21** Ruth the Moabitess said, "He also said to me, 'You

shall stay close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest.' " **22** And Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, and that people do not meet you in any other field." **23** So she stayed close by the young women of Boaz, to glean until the end of barley harvest and wheat harvest; and she dwelt with her mother-in-law.

1. God's _____ is Always Purposeful

2. God's Heart is Full of _____

3. God's _____ Fills us with Hope

Application Questions

1. *What is the difference between a miracle and providence?*
2. *What are some reasons we fail to see God's hand in the "ordinary" events of our lives?*
3. *Think of something that "happened" in your life that illustrates God's providence (perhaps a person you just "happened" to meet that turned out to be a wonderful God-given friend, or a job opportunity you just "happened" to hear about at the right time, etc.). Then share that with the group as an occasion of thanksgiving to God.*
4. *How is the faith of Boaz, Ruth, and Naomi on display in this chapter? What are some specific ways we can display our faith at work?*
5. *What principles from this chapter would you use to encourage someone who was struggling financially?*

Prayer

Our Praise Theme

Together we praise God who is Generous

Pray for Our Church

Together we pray that we study the gospel so we can guide and guard one another in it

Pray for Our Missionaries

Kyle and Annie Sheridan are SoCal Natives who went to Chile as missionaries in 2012. They established the first Independent Baptist Church in the Chilean Patagonia; Bible Baptist Church of Coyhaique, which now averages around 80 in attendance.



Pray for One Another

Bible Reading

✓	Date	Day	Text
	8/30	Sunday	Ezekiel 1-4
	8/31	Monday	Ezekiel 5-8
	9/1	Tuesday	Ezekiel 9-12
	9/2	Wednesday	Ezekiel 13-15
	9/3	Thursday	Ezekiel 16
	9/4	Friday	Ezekiel 17-19
	9/5	Saturday	Ezekiel 20-21

Memory Verse

Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the
scornful; But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law
he meditates day and night.

Psalm 1:1-2

Discovery Questions

Why did Ezekiel feel like it was harder to be a prophet to his own people than to foreign countries?

What four types of faces did the Cherubim have?

Our Gatherings

Sunday @ 9:00 AM

Main Worship Service

Sunday @ 5:00 PM

ONLINE ONLY

See your group leader for Discipleship group meeting plans

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Announcements

Coming Up: Faithful Men Meeting

The next monthly men's meeting is 6:00 PM Saturday evening, September 12th at the church. Come prepared to discuss chapter six of the companion study book. This book may be purchased in the church bookstore or online. The meeting will be outside on the church's front porch like last month.

September "Anchored in the Word" Now Available

Be sure to pick up next month's Bible study companion. A digital version can also be downloaded from the church website. Look for "Anchored in the Word" in the resources section.

