

HANDFULS OF PURPOSE!

Ruth 1:1-2 Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehemjudah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

Throughout life there are many times where we all experience Famine...

Sometimes we experience a famine of Peace/ Health/ Meaningful Relationships/ Finances, just name a few.

But no matter what that Famine is... DON'T EVER LEAVE THE HOUSE OF BREAD... DON'T EVER LEAVE THE HOUSE OF PRAISE... WHICH IS SYMBOLIC OF THE CHURCH...

FOR THE CHURCH IS THE PILLAR AND FOUNDATION FOR THE TRUTH...

AND ALTHOUGH SHE IS NOT PERFECT... SHE IS STILL YOUR SAFE PLACE...

1- IT IS THE GATHERING PLACE

2- THE HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE AND FOR ALL NATIONS

3- THE PLACE FOR CORPORATE WORSHIP AND PRAISE

4- IT IS A HOSPITAL FOR THE BROKEN, THE OUTCAST, THE DOWNTRODDEN AND THE SICK

5- IT IS THE POTTERS HOUSE

6- THE PLACE WHERE GOD MOLDS YOU, SHAPES YOU, MAKES YOU AND THEN SENDS YOU

7- IT IS THE LORD'S VINEYARD

8- THE EMBASSY OF HEAVEN ON EARTH

9- THE PLACE OF NEW BEGINNINGS

TESTIFY! HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I SEEN PEOPLE LEAVE THE HOUSE OF GOD BECAUSE OF A FAMINE IN THEIR LIVES AND FIND THEMSELVES GO BACK TO THE THEIR OLD LIFESTYLE, COMMIT SHIPWRECK AND BE DISGRACED...

READ RUTH CHAPTER ONE

1- In the Bible, Moab was a territory east of the Dead Sea, inhabited by the Moabites, a people that descended from the incestuous relationship between Lot and one of his daughters...

The story is found in

Genesis 19:29-38 "And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt. And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he

feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters. And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth: come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father. And the firstborn bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day. And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Ben-ammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day."

2- Moab often symbolizes antagonism towards God's people, and a temptation to idolatry and immorality.

They Worshipped The God Chemosh...

The Worship of Chemosh involved various rituals, including child sacrifice, especially in times of dire need, besides other atrocities...

Chemosh eventually had great Influence on Israel:

When King Solomon, in his latter years influenced by his foreign wives, introduced the worship of Chemosh into Israelite culture...


Read Chapter One...

Now, Naomi had nothing in the natural to offer Ruth other than SHE HELD THE KEY TO HER DESTINY...

and it's no different with many of us who may not have much to offer people in the natural other than holding the Key to their destiny...

MANY PEOPLE'S DESTINY WILL NEVER BE FULFILLED UNTIL YOU WALK INTO THEIR LIVES...

IN MY PERSONAL LIFE... Meeting George Seiber seemed to be insignificant at first... but afterwards it became a life changing event that we never saw coming...

It completely altered the trajectory of our lives... I didn't know he held the key  to our destiny...

At the time we met Mr Seiber we were in desperate need of our own Church Building... and no matter how hard we tried we always came up empty... and to top it off, we had no money, no credit and just a handful of people... No doubt meeting G.S. was God's handfuls of purpose placed unexpectedly in our lives as we were about the Father business gleaning in his Field... we never realized where these handfuls of purpose would take us. But here we are... To God be all the Glory

NAOMI'S TURN AROUND

Naomi's turn around came when she made a decision to go back to the house of bread. Bethlehem/Judah and the same will happen to you IJMN

Let me encourage those of you who have left the House of Bread for whatever reason... Honor God and Do yourself a favor... Return to the Fathers House... For he waits for you with Open Arms... Go Back for it is never too late!

Read Chapter 2

The next kinsmen redeemer, had the right:

(1) of redeeming the inheritance of the person;

(2) of marrying the widow;

(3) of avenging the death. (See Leviticus 25:25-31, Leviticus 25:47-55; Deuteronomy 25:5-10; Deuteronomy 19:1-13.)

Here are 8 qualities that brought Ruth from obscurity to notoriety and they will do the same for you...

1- Ruth was a woman of Character, A Woman of Principle!

2- Ruth was Loyal/ not Double Hearted... Trustworthy!

3- Ruth was Selfless... Ruth's life was a life laid down... which speaks of ultimate Love/ a self sacrificial Love! Jesus said, greater love has no man than this... YOUR LIFE BECOMES A BRIDGE OVER TROUBLE WATERS SO THAT OTHERS CAN CROSS SAFELY OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE...

4- Ruth was relentless in her Faith... FEARLESS!

5- Ruth was Obedient to Her Mentor, Naomi...

6- Ruth had a Servants Heart... Jesus said, He that would be the Greatest among you... Let him be the Servant of all.
humble yourself in the sight of the Lord/ & He will lift you up

7- Ruth was Diligent... He becomes poor that's lazy, but the Diligent hand maketh rich!

8- Ruth was a World Changer... A History Maker...
A Testimony to us all that God is Faithful and that there are no Limits with Him...

Let's go back to Ruth 2:15-16 "And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not: and let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke her not."

"Handfuls of purpose" Or Handfuls of Blessings on Purpose...

These are Intended Blessings left on Purpose...
All in the Realm of Gods Providence... No Coincidence!

Concerning Us, What are handfuls of purpose?
Handfuls of Blessings on Purpose speaks of opportunities, open doors, meeting the right people, divine provisions, promotions, heavenly protection, a Prophetic Word from a mentor or leader, , a godly mate, and at times even a BOAZ, who God in his mercy and great love places in our path, often in unexpected ways.

I have had at least 4 BOAZ in my life
My Uncle
Sylvia Robinson
George Seiber
Andrew Liput

The testimony of the deacon in Ventola's Church...
As he served in the Lord's Vineyard, an older man he helped by mowing his lawn and cleaning snow from off of his driveway... When he died, left him 6 MILLION DOLLARS IN HIS INHERITANCE... BOAZ IS CALLING!

FINALLY, RUTH STARTED OUT BY SERVING IN BOAZ VINEYARD, MARRYING BOAZ, AND WOUND UP OWNING THE WHOLE VINEYARD... BUT THATS NOT ALL, LATER SHE WAS GRAFTED INTO THE LINEAGE OF CHRIST By Becoming THE Mother of Obed: who is the father of Jesse, who is the father of David. What a Mighty God we SERVE!