



UNEXPECTED

A JOURNEY THROUGH RUTH

A PLAN COMES TOGETHER.

Have you ever been in a season of waiting? Perhaps you were waiting for that promotion. Perhaps you were waiting for a child. Perhaps you were waiting for a sense of clarity.

This waiting can be a quick recipe for anxiety, despair, and anxiety again.

But do we really believe that God would waste a person He's specifically created? You are *so loved* by Him.

Every season of waiting is also a season of purpose. God is not absent or distant - but He very well may be working slowly. He very well may need you to be diligent and persistent in the process.

If worry gets you down, remember that He is gentle and kind; and because He loves you, His plan will always happen.

IN THE BIBLE.

1 Peter 5:6-7

So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. 7 Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

Ruth 2:23

So Ruth worked alongside the women in Boaz's fields and gathered grain with them until the end of the barley harvest. Then she continued working with them through the wheat harvest in early summer. And all the while she lived with her mother-in-law.

Matthew 11:28-30

28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

QUESTIONS.

- 1.) Have you ever been in a season of waiting that turned to worry? Share your example.
- 2.) How did you respond to that worry? Based on each of these verses, what are some ways you *should* respond to worry?
- 3.) What does this sentence mean: *Because He loves you, His plan will always happen.*

Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:

1. What does this tell you about God?
2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?