

Sermon Outline

Sermon Title: "Where You Go, I Will Go" (Ruth - Part 1)

Big Idea: Loyal-love (loving-kindness) is caring for others at our expense, as God does for us

Scripture: Lamentations 3:21-26

Message Outline:

This is a report of two women who have suffered extreme losses in their lives: a mother-in-law and daughter-in-law and who experienced God's **hesed** (loyal-love) through the actions of a godly man.

What we need to remember:

1st, that God's loving care & kindness (loyal-love) is always there and even in fresh new way, refer to Lamentations 3:22,23 ("Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning").

2nd, that we can be used by God to show **hesed** (loyal-love) to those who need it, like Boaz did to Ruth & Naomi or Ruth did to Naomi.

What is **hesed** ?

- "hesed (NIV "kindness") cannot be translated with one English word. It is a covenant term, wrapping up in itself all the positive attributes of God: love, covenant faithfulness, mercy, grace, kindness, loyalty. In short, it refers to acts of devotion and lovingkindness that go beyond the requirements of duty" quoted from Daniel Isaac Block, *Judges, Ruth, The New American Commentary*
- For me (Pastor Ralph) this means that instead of just feeling "it needs to happen because it's the right thing" it happens because the person (or God) desires to do it out of love and care.



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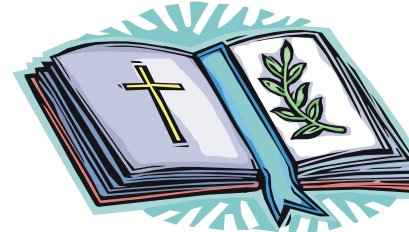
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Sunday, October 1, 2017 Service

Welcome & Call to Worship

*Hymns by Request
(from hymnal)*

Announcements & Prayer

Offering

Junior Church Send Off Prayer

Scripture Reading:

*Lamentations 3: 21 – 26
With Tesfaye*

Sermon:

*"Where You Go, I Will Go."
(Ruth: Part One)
With Pastor Ralph Hardy*

Closing Hymn

"I Will Sing of the Mercies of the LORD Forever" #457

Benediction

Weekly Happenings

Sunday Worship:

English: 11:00 AM
Japanese: 9:30 AM
Korean: 12:30 PM

Prayer and Weekly Studies:

Wed. Night Study: Book of Isaiah
1st & 3rd Sat. 9 am, Japanese

Community Outreach:

Monday Night ESL: All Welcome.
No ESL on Thanksgiving Monday, in one week.

Prayer Focus:

Bereavement: Please pray for Moria and family as they are mourning the loss on August 18 of her son, Renfield.

Continue to pray for Sammy and Eva and the people of Congo.

Church Family:

Church of the Week: **Johnston Heights Church**

Pray for the ESL program. Pray for Japanese & Korean language groups.

Birthdays and Anniversaries of the Month:

September 28, Shanna S; September 30, Erna F-G
October 5, Kian A. (Lizette's son); October 9, Esther C, and, Andrew J;
October 12, Tesfaye; October 16, John D;
October 17, Mary Z (John J's wife);
October 18, Mitsugi S, and Natal G; October 30, Norkiko Suzuki;

Upcoming Events to Note:

Pastor Ralph will be sharing an encouraging message from the Book of Ruth that will be geared for kids to hear on Oct 1st (Today) and 8th (Next Sunday).