

# Welcome to 2021

- **SUNDAY SERVICE**  
English service except for last Sunday of the month (Indonesian service)
- **HOLY COMMUNION**  
Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (extra at 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
  - **Kids class:** every Sunday
  - **Teens class:** Bible Study every last Sunday of the month
- **SYNERGY YOUTH:** start 9 Jan 2021  
Saturday; **NEW** time slot: 4pm start
- **PRAYER MEETING:** Tuesday & Saturday
- **CELL GROUP** (family; ladies)  
*to be announced*





Let us stop for a while and realise **how great the love of God** for His people. Just like what happened with the family of Naomi, actually it was our fault so that everything in our life became messed up. But because of **His great love**, God ready to help us and He is more than able to restore everything! Indeed, He is God, the owner of the restoration plan! By learning from the book of Ruth, we may see the greatness of God through His restoration plan, and we may learn how to let God be God, the owner of His mighty restoration plan.

## Elimelech's Wrong Decision

**RUTH 1** <sup>1</sup> 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 **Bethlehem**, Judah, went to dwell in the country of **Moab**, he and his wife and his two sons.



## The First Big Step of Restoration

<sup>4</sup> Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might **return** from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had visited His people by giving them bread.

**WHAT HAD YOU LEFT SO FAR?**

**REVELATION 2** <sup>1</sup> **Remember** therefore from where you have fallen; **repent** and **do** the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.



Wrong  
Decision

Calamities;  
bitterness

1<sup>st</sup> Big Step  
of  
Restoration

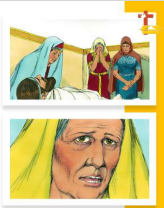
Unity in  
Family

## The Calamities Developed

**RUTH 1** <sup>3</sup> Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons.

<sup>5</sup> Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died; so the woman survived her two sons and her husband.

<sup>20-21</sup> "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. I went out full, and the Lord has brought me home again empty."



## Let God be God: Your God my God

**RUTH 1** <sup>16-17</sup> But Ruth said: "Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and **your God, my God**. Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts you and me."

**UNITY IN FAMILY**



## God's Restoration Plan: **PROACTIVE**

Phil.2:13 for **it is God**  
who works in you both  
**to will** and **to do**  
for *His* good pleasure



**RUTH 2** <sup>2</sup> So Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi,  
“Please **let me go to the field**, and **glean**  
**heads of grain** after him (*NIV: anyone*) in  
whose sight I may find favor.” And she said to  
her, “Go, my daughter.”

<sup>3</sup> 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.

Somehow Ruth had a desire to do something rather than doing nothing at home. Gleaning means: obtain (information) from various sources, often with difficulty; gather (leftover grain) after a harvest.

Glean: to pick up, gather, glean, gather up

When we give a good response, God will bring us to another blessings.  
When people stop giving a good response to God, actually they are  
stopping God to continue with His restoration plan.

Keep listening to what God want to say to us. IT IS GOD who works in us  
BOTH to will and to do.

## Let God be God: GOD AT WORK

**JOHN 5:17** But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."

**JOHN 9:4** Jesus said: I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.

**RUTH 2:20** 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**."



Ada banyak kerja kalau MAU.

God brought Ruth closer to the "redeemer".

Close relatives = kinsman.

Heb. gâ'al = to redeem, act as kinsman-redeemer, avenge, revenge, ransom, do the part of a kinsman; Translated as REDEEMER

**Pro.23:11** *For their Redeemer is mighty; He will plead their cause against you.*



## God's Restoration Plan: **PURE & PLAIN**

**RUTH 3** <sup>10</sup> Then he said, "Blessed are you of the Lord, my daughter! For you have shown more kindness at the end than at the beginning, in that you **did not go after young men**, whether poor or rich.

### **BOAZ v.s. YOUNG MEN**

**Pro.21:31** The horse is prepared for the day of battle, but deliverance is of the Lord.



Ruth and Naomi did not only need a family support, they need more than that! And truly God's restoration plan for them is the **perfect** one.

God's way is not always the beautiful one, God's way is not always the good-looking one, but God's way is the perfect one.

When Jesus came into this world, He was not a prince charming!

***Isa.53:2** For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him.*

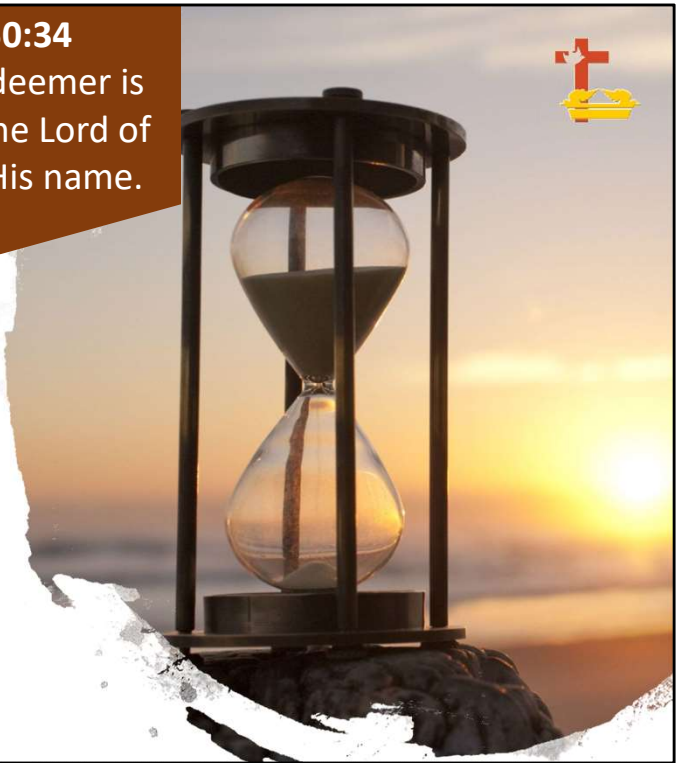
The Jews assumed that God's plan to restore their nations will be a very majestic plan, so that they stumbled when knowing that Jesus as the Promised Messiah came with a very low profile! Moses came from the palace of Egypt, Daniel worked in the royal palace, Esther was a queen in Babylon, but Jesus just a carpenter from a small town.

## God's Restoration Plan: **PATIENCE**

**Jer.50:34**

Their Redeemer is strong; The Lord of hosts is His name.

**RUTH 3** <sup>18</sup> Then she said, "**Sit still, my daughter**, until you know how the matter will turn out; for the man (Boaz) will not rest until he has concluded the matter this day."



Boaz = fleetness

Fast and nimble in movement

Ruth 3:13 Stay this night, and in the morning it shall be that if he will perform the duty of a close relative for you—good; let him do it. But if he does not want to perform the duty for you, then I will perform the duty for you, as the Lord lives! Lie down until morning."

Boaz was happy to redeem the family of Ruth, but Boaz also a noble person that won't ignore the rule. When the redeemer is going to accomplish his mission, he will take all consideration because our life is well connected to other people. But please rest assured that the redeemer will not forget what he is going to do.

God's Restoration Plan:

## AT (T)HIS TIME

**ACTS 1** <sup>6-7</sup> Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You ***at this time*** restore the **kingdom to Israel?**" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put **in His own authority**."





## God's Restoration Plan: **POWER TO ENDURE**

**ACTS 1** <sup>8</sup> But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

**PROACTIVE**

**PURE & PLAIN**

**PATIENCE**

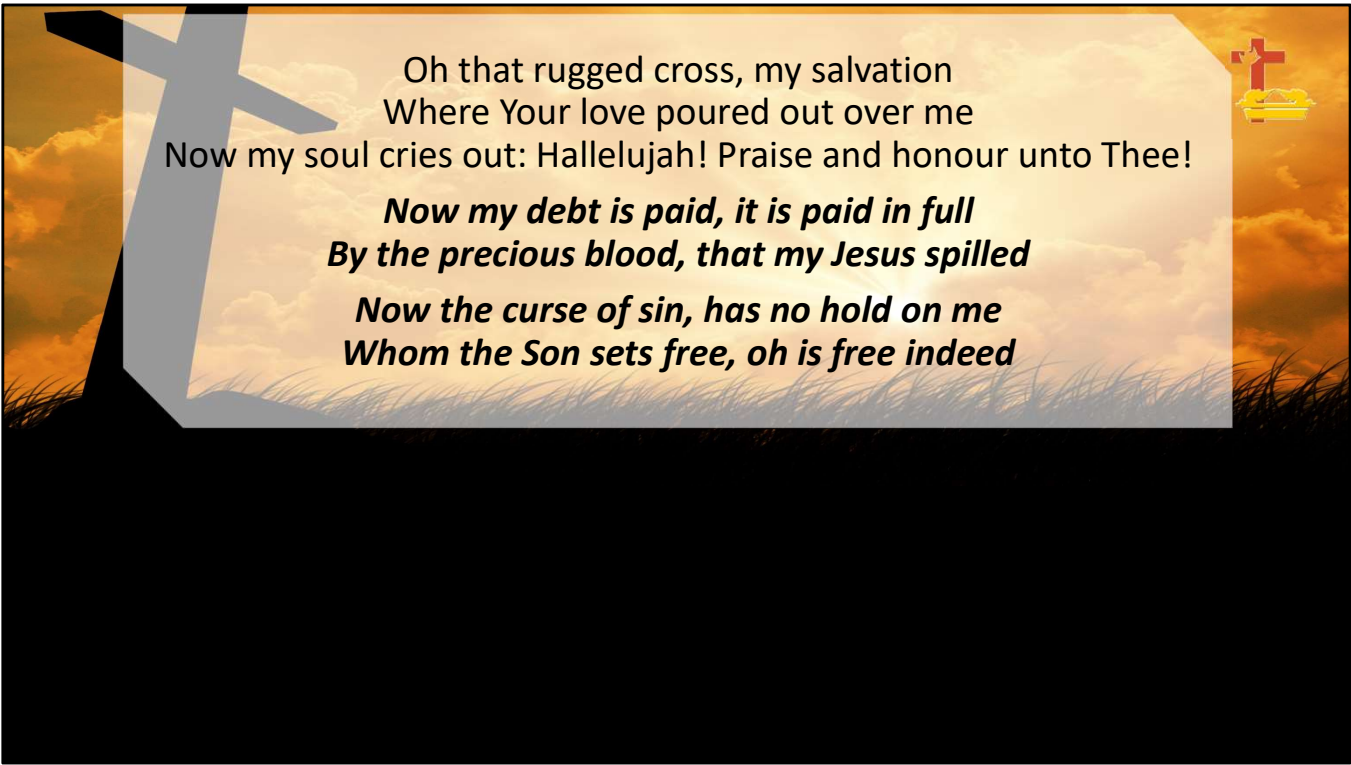


While we wait for His second coming, God wants us to be proactive and not passive. Jesus said: Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing *Mat.24:45-46*.

The power of Holy Spirit will help us to be proactive as we open our ears to listen for what He will say to us.

We must always remember that God's restoration plan for His kingdom will be PURE & PLAIN. We must not expect according to our own desire nor ambition. Everything will become **suddenly**! So, before that great things happen, everything will happen as normal.

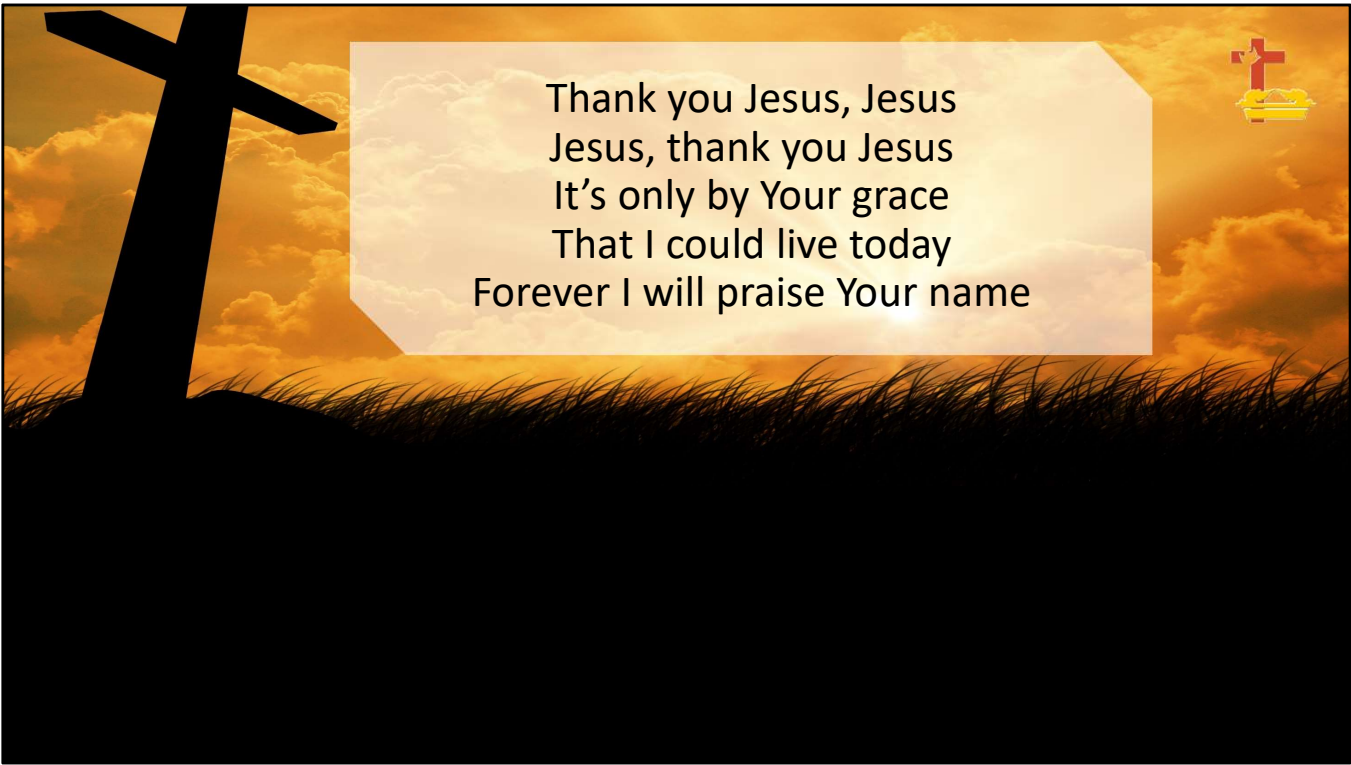
And patience, once again, is a sure thing to do, and indeed it is worth waiting.



Oh that rugged cross, my salvation  
Where Your love poured out over me  
Now my soul cries out: Hallelujah! Praise and honour unto Thee!

***Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full  
By the precious blood, that my Jesus spilled***

***Now the curse of sin, has no hold on me  
Whom the Son sets free, oh is free indeed***



Thank you Jesus, Jesus  
Jesus, thank you Jesus  
It's only by Your grace  
That I could live today  
Forever I will praise Your name

