

11am Bible Study:
Pastor Will Lloyd, IV, MTS

Topic: God's Providential Favor and Refuge
Series Title: Loyal Love
Chapters: Ruth 2 Jan. 21st, 2026

Key Text: Ruth 2:12, NKJV, 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.

Intro: v.20 Hebrew - Goel - Guardian Redeemer Close Relative Kinsman Redeemer - Designates close relatives responsible for getting family members out of difficulties. God does this too.

How can we see God's Providential Favor and Refuge?

1. Faith - v.2

Question for Dialogue: How can we demonstrate faith while our burden is still present?

2. God's Word Is In Place To Care For Us, Not Harm Us – v.6-7

Question for Dialogue: How can we explain to those with other perspectives why God's strict standards are loving?

3. We Who Are In Position To Show Loyal Love To God By Helping Others Should Help – v.8-12

Question for Dialogue: The enemy will try to tempt us to believe that when we sacrifice to serve others, it will hurt us, but many have discovered the secret of service. What are some (**apparent or seeminly secrets**) of giving time, money, and resources for the good of others?

4. Could The Beginning of Mutual Romantic Interest Be Present? - v.13-19

- God providentially gives us "alerts": With respect to Romantic Interest
- Boaz knew, even when Ruth didn't, that he was a potential Guardian Redeemer (Goel)

Question for Dialogue: Do you remember the special treatment you received at the beginning of Romantic Interest? **If so, what are some things the person romantically interested in you did for you that made you feel special?**

5. There Are Times We May Sense A Providential Move Of God And Should Pray For Favorable Results - v.21-23

- Naomi most likely began to sense God's providential hand at work, and I imagine her silently, if not openly with Ruth, praying for favorable results.
- God's Will is what ultimately prevails in our lives. We don't always know His will. When he allows it to come to pass, it can sometimes be so **HARD** to accept, **but through it all**, we must **maintain faith and trust**. - **We MUST, without any exceptions, live here as foreigners.** - 1 Peter 2:1-12

Question for Dialogue: In what area of your life have you found it difficult to live here as a foreigner?

Schedule for Bible Study and Mission Projects

Jan 21st - Pastor Will Ruth Session 3

Jan 28th - Pastor Luter

Feb 4th - Pastor Will Ruth Session 4

Feb 11th - Pastor Chip

Feb 18th - Pastor Will Ruth Session 5

Feb 25th - Pastor Will Ruth Session 6

Mar 4th - Pastor Ernest

Mar 11th - Pastor Ernest

Mar 18th - Pastor Grant

Mar 25th - Pastor Grant

April 1st - Pastor Thomas

April 8th - Pastor Thomas

April 9th - **HOPE DAY** - Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm - Giving Hope Food Pantry and Nazareth Inn Senior Living Facility

April 15th - Pastor Ernest

April 22nd - Pastor Ernest

April 25th - **FOOD PANTRY** - Saturday 8:30am - 12Noon - Giving Hope - Mission Project

April 29th - Pastor Sam

May 30th - **FOOD PANTRY** - Saturday 8:30am - 12Noon - Giving Hope - Mission Project

HOPE Day for Franklin Baptist Church at the Nazareth Inn. Team will arrive at the Giving Hope Food Pantry for food distribution, and will head over to the Nazareth Inn around 11:00am to serve, pray, and fellowship with our seniors.

A HOPE Day offers community groups the opportunity to engage directly in the mission of Giving HOPE and participate in the work we do every day. Giving HOPE provides more than 700 meals daily to food-insecure seniors and individuals experiencing homelessness.

During a HOPE Day focused on the Food Pantry, participants gather at 13150 I-10 Service Rd., New Orleans, LA 70128 to assist with food preparation, packing, distribution, and delivery. Beyond service tasks, the most meaningful aspect of a HOPE Day is the opportunity to connect with those we serve—listening to their stories, honoring their dignity, and building human connection.

Benefits of a HOPE Day

HOPE Days allow participants to step away from daily routines and focus on serving others in meaningful ways. By giving time and attention to those most in need, volunteers gain a renewed perspective on compassion, community, and the inherent dignity and value of every individual.

For both HOPE Day and Saturday Food Pantry Service days, we'll serve those who come for food, offer them water and snacks, pray with them, and share the gospel of Jesus Christ.