

Fullest Love



Life to the full



FOUNDRYCHURCH
Devotions

If you do not have a Bible please let us know and we would be happy to get you one

Day 1

READ

Ephesians 3:16-21

1.3 × 10⁹ km³. Apparently, that is an acceptable estimate for the volume of the earth's oceans.¹ Yet, to most of us, such a volume is still unfathomable. We can't quite grasp or comprehend the height, depth, length and width of something so vast. It's funny that the word sailors used to measure the unfathomable ocean was fathom. It comes from the word faetm, which means "embrace," and it was the length of a man's outstretched arms, fingertip to fingertip.

In this passage in Ephesians, Paul prays that by the power of the Holy Spirit living within us, because of our faith in Jesus, we will be given the special ability to grasp, or fathom, the love of Christ. It is too much for our limited minds to comprehend. But God is not confined to the limits of our understanding or expectations of Him. His love and power are infinite. When we believe in Christ, we are given wisdom to know a love that surpasses knowledge. It is an understanding that comes from beyond the boundaries of our finite minds. It is an unfathomable ocean that has no end, always filled to overflowing, always able to be drawn from.

In Phil Wickam's song "Living Hope," he sings of the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, "What heart could fathom such boundless grace."² How interesting that this act of unfathomable love was displayed by our Lord's embrace stretched out fingertip to fingertip on the cross.

Pray Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3:16-19 for yourself and those around you today.

¹Elert, Glenn. "Volume of Earth's Oceans." Volume of Earth's Oceans - The Physics Factbook. Glen Elert, 2003. <https://hypertextbook.com/facts/2001/SyedQadri.shtml>.

²"Living Hope - Phil Wickham | Credits | AllMusic". AllMusic. All Media Network. Retrieved September 1, 2019.

Notes

Day 2
(Reading only)
Ruth 1

Day 3

READ Ruth 2

When Ruth and Boaz first meet, he is very tender to her.

⁸ So Boaz said to Ruth, “My daughter, **listen** to me. Don’t go and glean in another field and don’t go away from here. **Stay** here with the women who work for me. ⁹ **Watch** the field where the men are harvesting, and **follow** along after the women. I have told the men not to lay a hand on you. And **whenever you are thirsty, go and get a drink** from the water jars the men have filled.”

Do you see this reflected in the loving words of Jesus in John 10? Jesus calls us by name and invites us into the pen. Jesus declares that His sheep stay with Him and don’t go after a stranger. He instructs His sheep to listen to His voice and follow Him. He offers protection and provides for His sheep’s every need.

Are you one of His sheep? Then make sure you are living into His instructions.

Listen.

Stay beside Him.

Watch and follow.

And remember, He is living water. Whenever you are thirsty, go and get a drink.

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Day 4
(Reading only)
Ruth 3

Day 5

READ Ruth 4

This week we have been reading a fascinating story of a young woman whose life was interrupted by tragedy. Surprisingly, this young widow decides to leave her homeland and follow her mother-in-law to Israel. She enters a new land with nothing, fresh from a massive heartbreak and tied only to an equally heartbroken and self-proclaimed bitter, older woman.

She had no idea what was in store for her. Unbeknownst to Ruth, she was tied through her late husband Elimelek to a wonderful man. Boaz was “a relative.” This was a subtle clue by the writer to Boaz’s real identity. Boaz was Ruth’s guardian redeemer.

The responsibilities of the Guardian Redeemer were as follows:

According to this law, the nearest male blood relative had the duty of preserving the family name and property. This duty could entail (a) avenging the death of a family member (Num. 35:19–21); (b) buying back family property that had been sold to pay debts (Lev. 25:25); (c) buying back a relative who had sold himself into slavery to pay debts (Lev. 25:47–49); and (d) marrying the widow of a deceased relative (Deut. 25:5–10).³

³The Reformation Study Bible. R. C. Sproul et al, eds. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1995. As found on <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ruth+2&version=NIV>

DAY 5 (continued)

Chapter 3, as you read yesterday, is more nerve-racking than a first date. Naomi tells Ruth to “wash, put on perfume, and get dressed in your best clothes.” Following the cultural rules of their day, Ruth is going to let Boaz know that she is hoping to be his wife. Boaz is overwhelmed and overjoyed. Being an honorable man, he makes sure there is nothing standing between them, including the one closer relative to the late Elimelek. That is where we picked up the story today.

As it turns out, Boaz and Ruth are free to marry. Ruth, the poor, foreign widow becomes the grandmother of the great King David, and she is one of the women in the line of Jesus Christ. You and I have come to Christ with much less than Ruth. While we were foreigners to the family of God, enslaved to sin, and destined for hell, Jesus bought us back, using His own body as payment.

“Praise be to the Lord, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer!” Ruth 4:14

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Bring to service for message notes!

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GROUPS teaser questions

1. In what ways have you experienced the love Christ has for you?
2. What specific ways does the enemy tell you that you might be unloveable or not good enough?