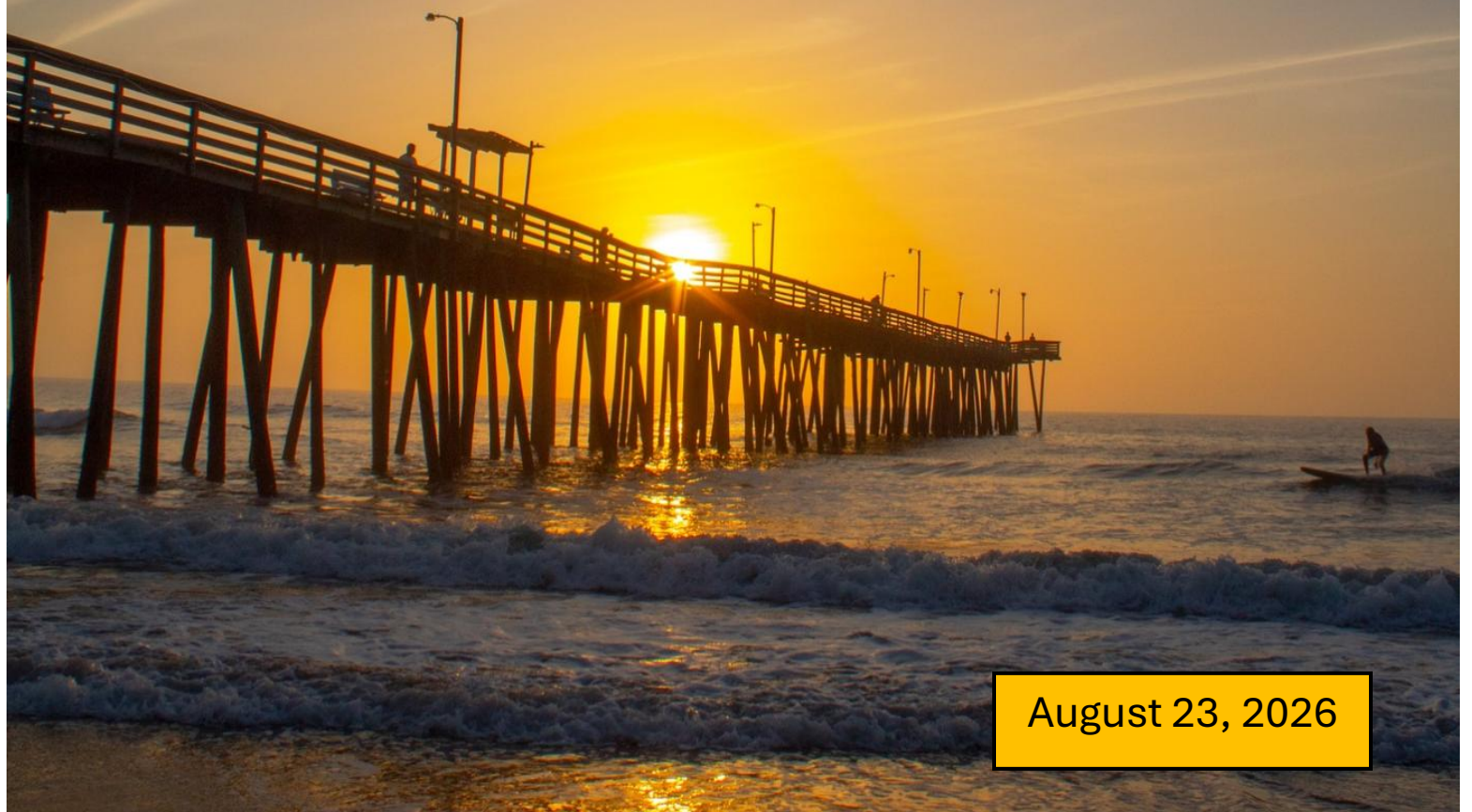




August 23, 2026



# Trust

## Scripture

- 11 But Naomi replied, "Return home, my daughters. Why do you want to go with me? Am I able to have any more sons who could become your husbands?"
- 12 Return home, my daughters. Go on, for I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me to have a husband tonight and to bear sons,
- 13 would you be willing to wait for them to grow up? Would you restrain yourselves from remarrying? No, my daughters, my life is much too bitter for you to share, because the Lord's hand has turned against me."
- 14 Again they wept loudly, and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.
- 15 Naomi said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods. Follow your sister-in-law."
- 16 But Ruth replied: Don't plead with me to abandon you or to return and not follow you. For wherever you go, I will go, and wherever you live, I will live; your people will be my people, and your God will be my God.
- 17 Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord punish me, and do so severely, if anything but death separates you and me.
- 18 When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped talking to her.
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- 5 Boaz asked his servant who was in charge of the harvesters, "Whose young woman is this?"
- 6 The servant answered, "She is the young Moabite woman who returned with Naomi from the territory of Moab.
- 7 She asked, 'Will you let me gather fallen grain among the bundles behind the harvesters?' She came and has been on her feet since early morning, except that she rested a little in the shelter."
- 8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Listen, my daughter. Don't go and gather grain in another field, and don't leave this one, but stay here close to my female servants.
- 9 See which field they are harvesting, and follow them. Haven't I ordered the young men not to touch you? When you are thirsty, go and drink from the jars the young men have filled."
- 10 She fell facedown, bowed to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor with you, so that you notice me, although I am a foreigner?"
- 11 Boaz answered her, "Everything you have done for your mother-in-law since your husband's death has been fully reported to me: how you left your father and mother and your native land, and how you came to a people you didn't previously know.
- 12 May the Lord reward you for what you have done, and may you receive a full reward from the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge."

Ruth 1:11-18; 2:5-12 CSB

## Additional Resources

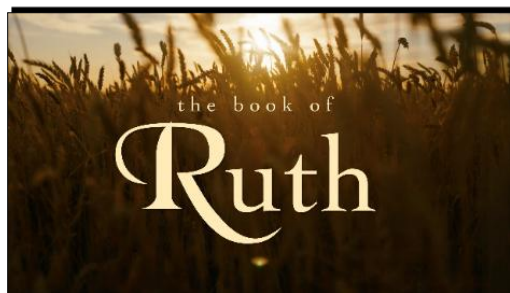
*Explore the Bible: Joshua; Judges; Ruth, Summer 2026; Biblegateway.com; preceptaustin.org; Biblehub.com/commentaries; The New American Commentary, Judges & Ruth, Daniel I. Block*

**Speaker**

### Key Verses

### Key Points

### Questions / Reflections





# God's Word-Devoted to Him

*Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.*

*Ruth 1:14*

Both women had an affection for Naomi, and therefore set out with their mother-in-law on her return to the land of Judah. But then the hour of testing came, and Naomi unselfishly described the trials that awaited them, strongly suggesting that if they cared for ease and comfort to return to their friends in Moab. At first, both daughters-in-law declared that they would cast their lots with the Lord's people. But on further consideration, Orpah sadly kissed Naomi and left for her own people, going back to her idolatrous friends. Ruth, however gave herself with all her heart to the God of her mother-in-law.

It is one thing to love the ways of the Lord when everything is pleasant, quite another to cling to them under much discouragement and difficulty. The kiss of outward profession is cheap and easy, but to actually cling to the Lord—a choice that must show itself in daily decisions for truth and holiness—is not so small a matter.

How are we doing with this choice? Is our heart fixed on Jesus, our sacrifice bound with cords to the horns of the altar (Psalm 118:27)? Have we counted the cost, and are we solemnly ready to suffer all worldly loss for the Master's sake? If so, the gain we receive will be an abundant reward, for Egypt's treasures cannot be compared with the glory to be revealed.

Orpah is no longer mentioned in Scripture; in her idolatrous ease and pleasure, her life melts into the gloom of death. But Ruth lives on in history and in heaven, for grace has placed her in the noble line from which the King of kings was born. Blessed among women are those who, for Christ's sake, can renounce everything; but worse than forgotten are those who, in the hour of temptation, violate conscience and turn back to the world.

We will not be content with a form of devotion that is no better than Orpah's kiss. May the Holy Spirit work in us so our whole heart clings to the Lord Jesus.



*Morning and Evening - Charles Spurgeon*

*If you are willing to go with God, He won't let you lose your way.*

*Charles R. Swindoll*



# DAILY BIBLE STUDY

**SCRIPTURE** – Read the passage of the day

**OBSERVATION** – Write the point of the passage

**APPLICATION** – Ask yourself how this Scripture applies to your life

**PRAYER** – Ask God to help you use this Scripture

## Redemption

Main Passage for August 30 – Ruth 3:8-13; 4:13-17 CSB

**Monday** - Ruth 3:1-7

**Tuesday** - Ruth 3:8-10

**Wednesday** - Ruth 3:11-13

**Thursday** - Ruth 3:14-18

**Friday** - Ruth 4:13-15

**Saturday** - Ruth 4:16-17

Memory Verse: Colossians 1:14

*In him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

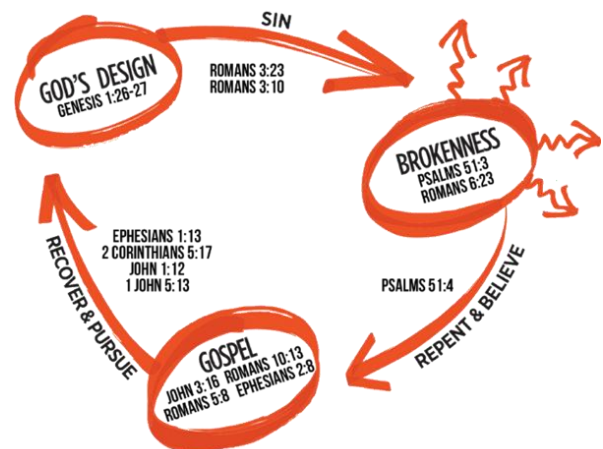
## Mission Statement

Glorifying God by connecting people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ

### Connect Church Prayer Request

TOO MUCH FAITH  
HASN'T BEEN A PROBLEM.  
OUR PROBLEM HAS BEEN  
BELIEVING TOO LITTLE.

FRANCIS FRANGIPANE





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## Attendance & Offering

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## *The Most Toys*

Take a ride with me. After a few miles we turn off the road, pass through a gate, and fall inline behind some pickup trucks. The vehicles ahead are filled with computers, stereo systems, furniture, appliances, fishing gear, and toys.

Higher and higher we climb, until we reach a parking lot. There the drivers unload their cargo. Curious, you watch a man hoist a computer. He staggers to the corner of the lot, then hurls his computer over the edge.

Now you've got to find out what's going on. You scramble out of the car and peer over the precipice. At the bottom of the cliff is a giant pit filled with...stuff.

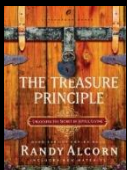
Finally you understand. This is a landfill, a junkyard—the final resting place for the things in our lives.

Sooner or later, everything we own ends up here. Christmas and birthday presents. Cars, boats, and hot tubs. Clothes, stereos, and barbecues. The treasures that children quarreled about, friendships were lost over, honesty was sacrificed for, and marriages broke up over—all end up here.

(I recommend taking a family field trip to a junkyard. It's a powerful object lesson.)

Ever seen the bumper sticker "he who dies with the most toys wins"? Millions of people act as if it were true. The most accurate saying is "He who dies with the most toys still dies—and never takes his toys with him." When we die after devoting our lives to acquiring things, we don't win—we lose. We move into eternity, but our toys stay behind, filling junkyards. The bumper sticker couldn't be more wrong.

To be continued from...  
*The Treasure Principle*



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## Offering

When we realize the tithe is holy,  
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**Students** - 9:00 AM - Tristan Nelson: tristan@cc.today

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**Adults** - 9:00 AM - Sam Jay: jays717@bellsouth.net

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**Adults** - 4:00 PM (online)

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**Men** - 6:00 PM - Mike Herod: mike.a.herod@gmail.com

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**Men** - 7:00 PM - Edgar Gregory: egregoriyac@gmail.com

### TUESDAY

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**Adults** - 7:00 PM - Ed Samour: ed@ecengineers.com

### THURSDAY

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### SATURDAY

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# Connect Church

*Join us for  
Refreshments  
on the Patio  
Today*



*Stay and Visit  
Following  
the Service!*

**Connect Teen - Leader Meeting**  
*August 23rd*

**Awana Begins - Jambo Rafiki Night**  
*August 26th*

**Women's Ministry Breakfast**  
*August 29th*

**The Lord's Supper**  
*August 30th*

**Explore the Bible - Fall Quarter**  
*September 6th*



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Event Page*



## Connect Teen Adult Leaders Meeting

**August 23rd - 12:00 PM**  
**Activity Center**



### Lunch Provided

**For those who serve with teens  
and would like to serve with teens.  
Registration is Requested: [cc.today](mailto:cc.today)  
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### Women's Ministry Breakfast

Connection / Encouragement / Inspiration

August 29th - 9:00 AM

Activity Center



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# *The Lord's Supper*

*Preparing Our Hearts  
Remembering His Sacrifice*



*August 30th*



## **Serving at The Soup Kitchen**

**Women's Ministry**

**September 5th - 26th**

**7:00 AM - 12:00 Noon**

**8655 Boynton Beach Blvd.**

**Boynton Beach, FL**



**Online Registration: August 2nd - 30th / [cc.today](http://cc.today)  
Select a September Saturday that fits your schedule  
Must be 17 and older to participate  
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**Awana**

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