

# *Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship*

*Every word inspired.*



*Every word proclaimed.*

***“We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ.” Col 1:28***

# TRUST AND OBEY

1. When we walk with the Lord in the  
light of His Word,  
What a glory He sheds on our way!  
While we do His good will, He abides  
with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.

***Refrain***

***Trust and obey, for there's no other  
way***

***To be happy in Jesus, but to trust  
and obey.***

2. Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud  
in the skies,  
But His smile quickly drives it away;  
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a  
tear,  
Can abide while we trust and obey.

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3. Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we  
share,  
But our toil He doth richly repay;  
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,  
But is blessed if we trust and obey.

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4. But we never can prove the delights of His  
love

Until all on the altar we lay;

For the favor He shows, for the joy He  
bestows,

Are for them who will trust and obey.

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5. Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His  
feet.

Or we'll walk by His side in the way.

What He says we will do, where He sends we  
will go;

Never fear, only trust and obey.

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# Summer Schedule

## June

12

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## July

10

24

## August

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21

\*We will resume in the Fall, Sept. 11, when we start the book of **Revelation**.

***“3 Graves, 3 Widows, and One Conversion”***

Ruth 1:14-22

April 3, 2016

# **10 Major Decisions**

## ***What is God's Will?***

- Elimelech & family decide to move to Moab.
- Elimelech & family decide to stay in Moab.
- The two sons decide to marry Moabite women.
- Naomi decides to return to Bethlehem.
- Naomi decides to encourage Orpah and Ruth to go back to Moab.
- Naomi decides to let Ruth return to Bethlehem with her.
- Ruth decides to work in the fields.
- Ruth decides to obey Naomi concerning Boaz.
- Boaz decides to marry Ruth.
- Ruth & Boaz decide to have a child.

***The Book of Ruth therefore touches on 5 major areas that believers seek God's will for –***

1. Where to live?
2. Who to marry?
3. Who to seek counsel from?
4. Where to work?
5. If and when to have a child?

# **7 THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR LIFE**

**1. That you be saved.**

***1 Tim 2:3-4***

***3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,  
4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.***

**2. That you be sanctified.**

***1 Thess 4:3***

***3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification;***

**3. That you give thanks in all things.**

***1 Thess 5:18***

***18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.***



## **4. That you suffer.**

### ***1 Peter 4:19***

*19 Therefore, those also who suffer **according to the will of God** shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.*

## **5. That you submit to the governing authorities.**

### ***1 Peter 2:13-15***

*13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority,*

*14 or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.*

*15 **For such is the will of God** that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.*

**6. That you renew your mind and as a result that you do that which is good, acceptable, and perfect.**

***Rom 12:2***

*2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, **so that you may prove what the will of God is**, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*

**7. Be controlled with the Holy Spirit.**

***Eph 5:17-21***

*17 So then do not be foolish, **but understand what the will of the Lord is.***

*18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,*

*19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;*

*20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;*

*21 and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.*

# 10 keys to Knowing the Will of God and Doing It:

1. Prayer and the Word of God are 2 indispensable components to knowing the will of God.
2. Knowing the will of God doesn't necessarily relieve the stress or tension in doing it.
3. Regardless how "weighty" the will of God might be for your life, it pale's in comparison to what the Lord Jesus had to bear. His grace will be sufficient.
4. It is not wrong to "bear your soul" to God about what you believe His will is for your life.
5. A key to doing God's will is always to allow God's will to override your will.
6. Conflict between your spirit and flesh in doing God's will is the normal Christian life.
7. Prolonged prayer over doing God's will, allows God to direct/change our will to conform to His.
8. Satan will use this opportunity, if allowed, to bring confusion, fear, anger, insecurity, and great emotion to sidetrack the believer and thwart the will of God from occurring in his/her life.
9. Finding and doing God's will comes to those who are alert and serious about their Christian life.
10. There is a resolve, a peace, and confidence that comes once you have submitted to the will of God for your life.

***When faced with a particular decision, God gives us 2 directives to know His will:***

**1) Delight in Him and then do what you desire.**

***Ps 37:4***

*4 Delight yourself in the LORD;*

*And He will give you the desires of your heart.*

**2) Acquire wisdom.**

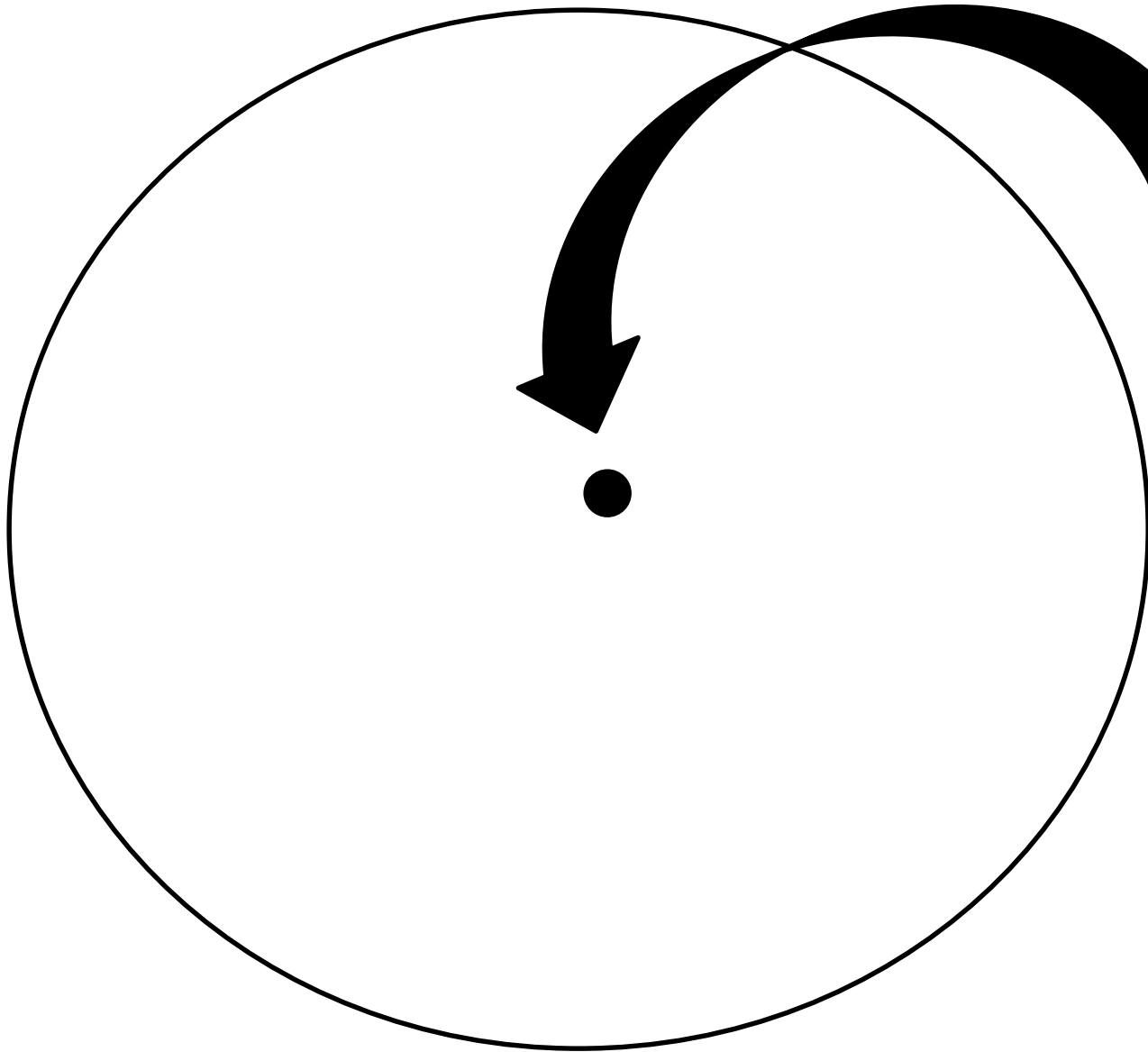
***Prov 4:7***

*7 "The beginning of wisdom is: Acquire wisdom;  
And with all your acquiring, get understanding.*

*i.e. Getting wisdom is the most important thing you  
can do! And with your wisdom, develop common  
sense and good judgment.*

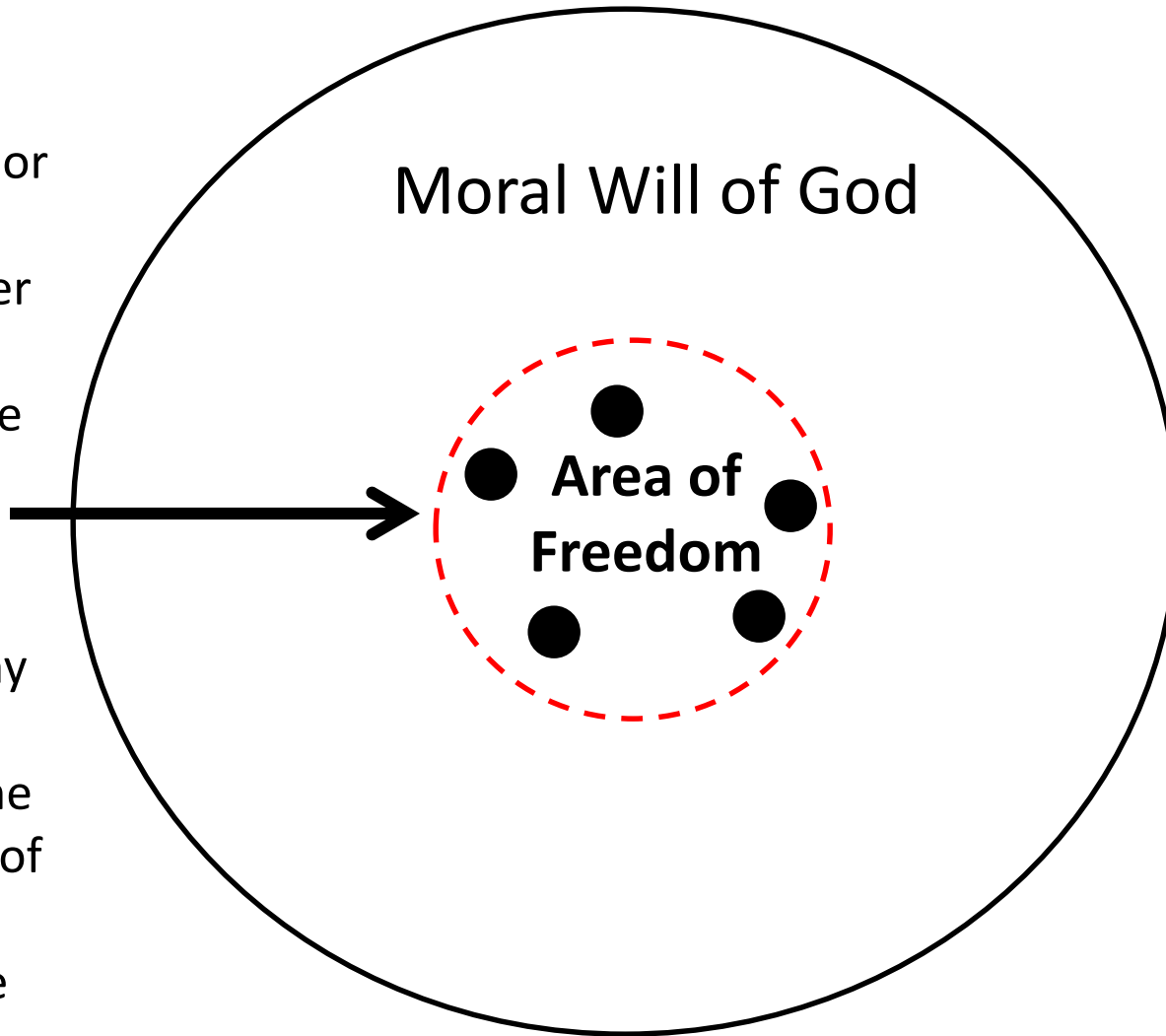
***Prov 16:16***

*16 How much better it is to get wisdom than gold!  
And to get understanding is to be chosen above  
silver.*



Dead  
Center of  
God's Will

In those areas where the Bible gives no command or principle, the believer is free and responsible to choose his own course of action. Any decision made in the moral will of God is acceptable to God.

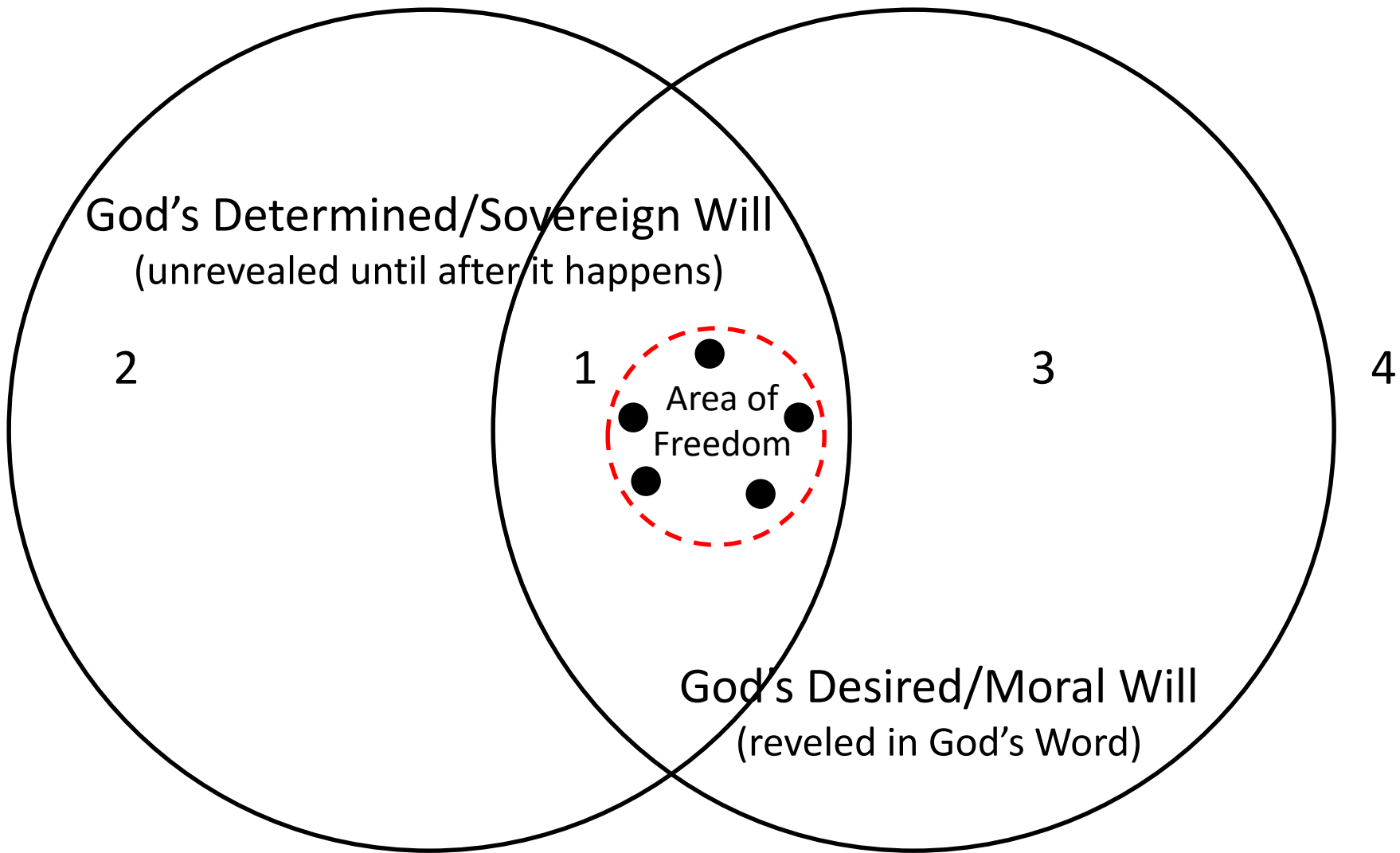


**God may use:**

- Wise Christian counsel.
  - Common sense.
  - Circumstances, Open/Closed doors.
  - Conscience.
  - Convictions.
- \*\*But all of these are subject to good biblical wisdom.

**1 Cor 10:23**

23 All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable.



## **Ruth 1:6-13**

- 6 Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the land of Moab, for she had heard in the land of Moab that the Lord had visited His people in giving them food.
- 7 So she departed from the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.
- 8 And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you as you have dealt with the dead and with me.
- 9 "May the Lord grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband." Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept.
- 10 And they said to her, "No, but we will surely return with you to your people."
- 11 But Naomi said, "Return, my daughters. Why should you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?
- 12 "Return, my daughters! Go, for I am too old to have a husband. If I said I have hope, if I should even have a husband tonight and also bear sons,
- 13 would you therefore wait until they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters; for it is harder for me than for you, for the hand of the Lord has gone forth against me."



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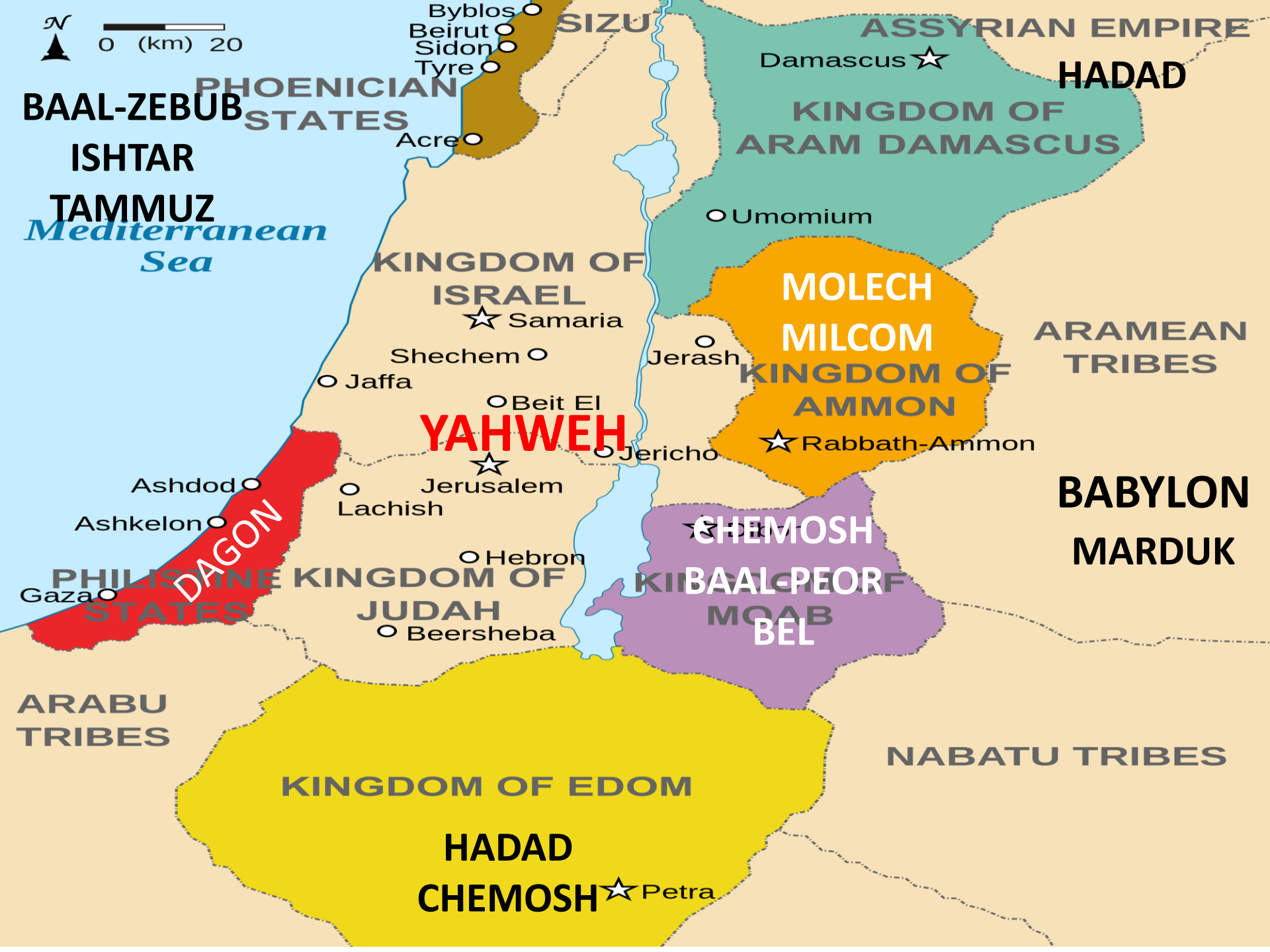


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## ***What is Ruth saying by her statement?***

I am willing to leave -

1. my people.
2. my friends.
3. my relatives.
4. my gods.
5. my hope of marriage. After all she wasn't a Jew, she had no money or property. She had nothing to offer-why would anyone marry her?
6. the security of food to eat.

For Ruth this was not about food, location, or emotion. This was about faith and trust and destiny and heaven and hell.

Ruth is saying to Naomi -"You know, I may never have anyone but you. But you're enough for me. The relationship that God has given us as mother and daughter, as sisters, as friends, is enough for me. God has not been bad to us, he's been good to us in ways that we didn't expect. So don't send me away and forbid me to make my future with you."

## ***One other thing on Ruth's conversion –***

The blessings of Christ's blood flow backward and forward in history.

In other words, at the time of her salvation:

1. All of Ruth's sins were laid on Jesus Christ when he died on the cross.
2. All of God's wrath toward her was removed.
3. God counted her as righteous because of Christ.



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**Mara** - means to "suffer anguish, to be bitter, to have a feeling or attitude of great suffering and anguish. To recoil from tasting bitter food or drink.

We use similar words today in describing a negative situation -

1. That was not in very good taste.
2. He quickly soured on the idea.
3. His work was very distasteful to him.
4. You make the past sound so unappetizing.

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“As far as Naomi was concerned she came back with no one. As far as God was concerned, she came back with the whole future of the human race holding onto her arm. She came back with a young woman who would be the mother of Obed, the father of Jesse, the father of David the king of Israel, the father of the Messiah of Israel and the Lord of the nations, the Lamb of God who would take away the sins of the world. That's who she came back with. Not empty, but fuller than she had ever been. Yet in her bitterness she couldn't see it. The facts became distorted for her: "I'm empty, nothing, nobody, God-forsaken.”

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# Andraé Crouch



**1942 - 2015**

Andraé Edward Crouch was born, along with his twin sister, Sandra, on July 1, 1942 in San Francisco, California to parents Benjamin and Catherine (née Hodnett) Crouch. When he was young, Crouch's parents owned and operated Crouch Cleaners, a dry-cleaning business, as well as a restaurant business in Los Angeles, California. In addition to running the family's businesses, Crouch's parents had a Christian street-preaching ministry and a hospital and prison ministry. When Crouch was 11, his father was invited to speak for several weeks at a small church as a guest preacher. Crouch's father and the church's congregation encouraged the young boy to play during the services. At the piano, Crouch found the key in which the congregation was singing and started to play. After this, Crouch honed his piano-playing skills and, in time, wanted to write his own music. When he was 14 years old, he wrote his first Gospel song.<sup>1</sup>

# Through It All

1. I've had many tears and sorrows,  
I've had questions for tomorrow,  
there's been times I didn't know right  
from wrong.  
But in every situation,  
God gave me blessed consolation,  
that my trials come to only make me strong.

## ***Chorus***

***Through it all,  
through it all,  
I've learned to trust in Jesus,  
I've learned to trust in God.  
Through it all,  
through it all,  
I've learned to depend upon His Word.***

2. I've been to lots of places,  
I've seen a lot of faces,  
there's been times I felt so all alone.  
But in my lonely hours,  
yes, those precious lonely hours,  
Jesus lets me know that I was His own

## ***Chorus***

3. I thank God for the mountains,  
and I thank Him for the valleys,  
I thank Him for the storms He brought me  
through.  
For if I'd never had a problem,  
I wouldn't know God could solve them,  
I'd never know what faith in God could do.

## ***Chorus***

# Application

1. We may be certain that there would be more Ruths in the world if there were more Naomis.
2. We need to realize that people are watching us, they see how we act in famine, in crises, in bereavement, and in distress.
  - Do we maintain our integrity?
  - Is our prayer life enlarged rather than diminished?
  - Is our confidence in God and His Word steadfast?
  - Perhaps they will begin, through our character, to understand the God we believe in.
3. The testimony of Ruth is an example of what it means to “forsake everything”, to “leave our nets”, “to give it all up” to obtain salvation. The Lord Jesus calls us to forsake all and follow Him.



4. Seeing is a precious gift and bitterness is a powerful blindness.
5. Don't ever think that the sin of your past means there is no hope for your future. Who would have imagined that in the worst of all times—the period of the judges—God was quietly moving in the tragedies of a single family to prepare the way for the greatest king of Israel?