

# WILD & WONDERFUL

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**SONG LYRICS** (1st set)

## WE PRAISE YOU

Let praise be a weapon that silences the enemy  
Let praise be a weapon that conquers all anxiety  
Let it rise let praise arise

We sing Your name in the dark  
And it changes ev'rything  
We sing with all we are and we claim Your victory  
Let it rise let praise arise

We'll see you break down ev'ry wall  
We'll watch the giants fall  
For fear cannot survive when we praise You  
The God of breakthrough's on our side  
Forever lift (Him) (You) high  
With all creation cry God we praise You

Let faith be the song  
That overcomes the raging sea  
Let faith be the song  
That calms the storm inside of me  
Let it rise let faith arise

We'll see you break down ev'ry wall  
We'll watch the giants fall  
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With all creation cry God we praise You

This is what living looks like  
This is what freedom feels like  
This is what Heaven sounds like  
We praise You  
We praise You

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## **GIVE ME FAITH**

Come I need You to soften my heart  
And break me apart  
I need You to open my eyes  
To see that You're shaping my life

All I am  
I surrender

Give me faith to trust what You say  
That You're good and Your love is great  
I'm broken inside I give You my life

I need You to soften my heart  
And break me apart  
I need You to pierce through the dark  
And cleanse every part of me

All I am  
I surrender

Give me faith to trust what You say  
That You're good and Your love is great  
I'm broken inside I give You my life

'Cause I may be weak  
But Your Spirit's strong in me  
My flesh may fail  
My God You never will

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## DISCOVERING LIFE WHEN ALL SEEMS LOST

Ruth 1:1 – 22

Pastor Daniel Hahn

### MESSAGE NOTES

*It is a unique spiritual position where human beings hate to be but where the biblical God is always leading them. It is when you have left the tried and true, but have not yet been able to replace it with anything else. It is when you are finally out of the way. It is when you are between your old comfort zone and any possible new answer.*  
— Richard Rohr

#### Much more than a historical story

*For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.* — Romans 15:4

- A ruthless time (pun intended)

*Today we experience national and international perplexities, moral decay, and difficulties of every kind, and yet God loves this lost world and is seeking for a bride. In spite of alarms in the headlines and dangers on the streets, we can be sure that God still loves the world and wants to save lost sinners. When you know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, no matter how tough the times may be, you are part of a beautiful love story.* — Warren Wiersbe, *Be Committed*

- A timeless story
- A pivotal decision
- A string of tragedies
- A fork in the road

#### Three responses:

1. Orpah's return to the past
2. Ruth's declaration of faith

*Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears Him and does what is right."* — Acts 10:34 – 35

*God is frequently closer than we think. We need however to develop a new confidence that He inhabits our despair as well as our praises.* — Henri Nouwen, *Dare to Journey*

#### Three applications:

1. Honestly assess where your decisions are leading you.
2. Bravely take steps not to let your past dictate your future.
3. Humbly commit your way to God no matter how painful or frightening it may feel right now.

*To wait open-endedly is an enormously radical attitude toward life. It is trusting that something will happen to us that is far beyond our own imaginings. It is giving up control over our future and letting God define our life. ... That, indeed, is a very radical stance toward life in a world preoccupied with control.* — Henri Nouwen

*Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God.* — Psalm 42:11

**SONG LYRICS** (2nd set)

**YES I WILL**

I count on one thing  
The same God that never fails  
Will not fail me now  
You won't fail me now  
In the waiting  
The same God who's never late  
Is working all things out  
You're working all things out

Yes I will lift You high  
In the lowest valley  
Yes I will bless Your name  
Yes I will sing for joy  
When my heart is heavy  
All my days yes I will

I count on one thing  
The same God that never fails  
Will not fail me now  
You won't fail me now  
In the waiting  
The same God who's never late  
Is working all things out  
You're working all things out

Yes I will lift You high  
In the lowest valley  
Yes I will bless Your name  
Yes I will sing for joy  
When my heart is heavy  
All my days yes I will

For all my days  
Yes I will

I choose to praise  
To glorify glorify  
The name of all names  
That nothing can stand against

Yes I will lift You high  
In the lowest valley  
Yes I will bless Your name  
Yes I will sing for joy  
When my heart is heavy  
All my days yes I will

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What stood out to you from this past weekend's sermon?
- In the first 5 verses of Ruth we encounter a string of difficulties and tragedies. Can you summarize what happened?
- Can you recount a time in your own life when you felt like everything was going against you?
- What action on the part of God is noted in v. 6?
- As Naomi returns to her homeland with her two daughter-in-laws, what does she urge them to do?
- How does Naomi view her difficulties according to v. 13?
- We see in v. 15 that going back to Moab also meant going back to a previous way of life including worshipping pagan gods. What are ways Christ followers today could get pulled back into old patterns of thinking and living?
- Ruth makes a clear decision to return with Naomi. What does that entail in v. 16?
- In verses 20 and 21 Naomi expresses her feelings about the losses she has endured. She says that she went away full, but God has brought her back empty. Looking back at v. 1, what do we discover about Naomi's perspective? How do we sometimes get fixated on our difficulties and lose sight of God's provisions?
- Looking at your own life, can you see how God has carried you even through some incredibly difficult things? How does that inform your perspective on the future?