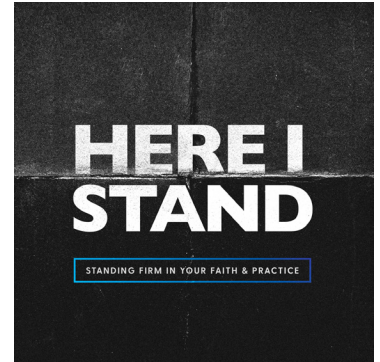


# MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## HERE I STAND: HOW TO STAND FOR THOSE IN NEED SEPT 27 // TERRY FEIX, EXECUTIVE PASTOR



Today, Pastor Terry Feix, delivered a message on kindness, loving-kindness, from the book of Ruth in the Old Testament. Ruth, a young widow, showed loving kindness to her also widowed mother-in-law, Naomi, choosing to follow Naomi to her hometown instead of returning to her own. Loving kindness, very similar to the word “grace” in the New Testament, means to give without expecting anything in return. While Ruth’s story could be considered “insignificant” in all of history, as these scenarios of played out many times, her loving kindness became very significant in the legacy of Jesus, because of God’s loving kindness.

### SCRIPTURE

*So Boaz took Ruth into his home, and she became his wife. When he slept with her, the Lord enabled her to become pregnant, and she gave birth to a son. Then the women of the town said to Naomi, “Praise the Lord, who has now provided a redeemer for your family! May this child be famous in Israel. May he restore your youth and care for you in your old age. For he is the son of your daughter-in-law who loves you and has been better to you than seven sons!”*

*Naomi took the baby and cuddled him to her breast. And she cared for him as if he were her own. The neighbor women said, “Now at last Naomi has a son again!” And they named him Obed. He became the father of Jesse and the grandfather of David. –Ruth 4:13-17*

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out from Terry’s message of the story of Ruth?
2. Read the passage above from Ruth, how did God show loving kindness to both Ruth, and Naomi?
3. What random (or not so random) acts of kindness have you witnessed or heard about? Have you been on the receiving end? Share your story.
4. How has God shown his loving kindness to you?
5. Mother Teresa said “*Do small things with great love.*” What small acts of kindness are you being led to do for someone, just because they are in need? (Remember, so often these kindnesses have nothing to do with money, and, they are always with the expectation of receiving nothing in return)
6. How can we pray for you?

### PRAYER

As you pray, ask God to bring to mind all the small acts of kindness that you have benefited from over the years. Ask God to show you those whom you can bless through acts of kindness. Thank God for his greatest of all acts of loving kindness to you, sending his Son, to redeem you and make you right with God, so that one day you will be face to face with Naomi, Ruth, Boaz, Obed, Jesse, David, and your Savior, Jesus Christ.