

HOPE FOR HARD TIMES *RECAP*

Rom 15:4-6 NIV84 For EVERYTHING that was written in the past was written to TEACH US, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we MIGHT HAVE HOPE.

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Rom 15:4-6 ...May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of UNITY among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may GLORIFY THE GOD and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Theme Verse: Rom 15:13 NIV84

“May the **God of hope** fill you with all joy and peace **as you trust in him**, so that you may overflow with hope by the **power of the Holy Spirit.**”

THEIR “NAMES” – POINTED TO THE GOD WHO NEVER FAILS!!!

Elimelech = God is King / He ultimately
Rules all – all things possible!

Naomi = God is sweet/Good / All He is
and does is shaped by “love/good”

THEIR “NAMES” – POINTED TO THE GOD WHO NEVER FAILS!!!

Mahlon = Tenderhearted & forgiving /

Mercy & grace 4 doubts, failures, & sin

Chilion/Kilion = Completeness / beautiful

and perfect = W/God “Enough”

Prov 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

WHAT NAOMI DID NOT REALIZE

1. GOD HAD *WALKED BESIDE* HER –
in the form of RUTH*

Heb 3:13 “But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.”

WHAT NAOMI DID NOT REALIZE

2. God had Gone before her & Ruth
 - “as the Barley Harvest was beginning”
3. God was DIRECTING their Steps
 - Ruth 2:3 “as it turned out”

DAVID AND GOLIATH

DAVID Had a DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

HE Knew God – Trusted God – Amazed by
God – No one like God!

The Bigger The God Inside of You – The
Smaller All Else Becomes

SHADRACH, MESHACH, & ABEDNEGO

“We do not need to defend ourselves”

“Our God is able to save us...but even if He does not...we will not bow or worship...”

Dan 3:16-18

SHADRACH, MESHACH, & ABEDNEGO

GOD DID NOT KEEP THEM FROM THE
FIRE...*Instead...*

...HE MET THEM IN THE FIRE!

ESTHER AND MORDECAI

FAIRY TALE STORY: “And they lived happily ever after” – The End?

“For such a time as this”

God places His people according to His foreknowledge for His Future Plans/Purposes

SOME KEY TRUTHS


The Lord Places The Source for Victory/
deliverance, etc. *AHEAD OF TIME*

GOD ALWAYS OUTSMARTS THE
ENEMY

TODAY – *HIS CHURCH* IS HIS ANSWER

WHETHER GOD DOES, OR NOT!

You Are Not Following Christ For What You
Can Get Out Of Him, But For All The Glory
He Can Get From You

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WE WILL NOT BE DISCOURAGED

For we are here for “such a time as this” and our God has already provided what we need – had gone before us – waiting to meet us – IF we will go forward in faith and courage – trusting only Him and His Word – Leaving the Outcome to HIM.

DO NOT LET *YOURSELF* BE
DISCOURAGED!

“If God Is For Us Who Can Be Against Us?”

...If We Perish, We Perish...(Esther)

...Regardless, We Will Not Bow...(3 Men)

...Our God Walks *Beside* us and Goes *Before*
us – *Directing* our Steps.