



# Weekly Booster

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You Don't Have to Wait to Be Accepted

# Accepted by God

The Story

Chapter 9

Two sons, two rounds of college applications. Most recently our younger son Taylor scoured the literature from several universities, finally narrowing his choices. You know the routine. Visit campuses. Choose a few schools to focus on. Make applications. Fill out forms. Write essays.

For anyone who hasn't "been there, done that," the filing of the application and financial aid forms is nothing compared to the waiting. It's like the first time you look at your girlfriend or boyfriend and say, "I love you." You've made the first move. And then you wait. You wait to see if they respond in turn.

Finally, the waiting was over. In our mailbox was a letter informing him that he could enroll as a freshman. Better yet, he received a T-shirt with the word "ACCEPTED!"

We were relieved. I mean, *he* was relieved. We all have a desire to be accepted, don't we? In fact, that desire made it into Maslow's well-known hierarchy of needs. He theorized that acceptance is basic to our nature and to our psychological health.

Ruth had the same need as we do. She was a Moabite living in Bethlehem who we meet in *The Story*. She ended up there with her mother-in-law Naomi when her husband died. And she found herself picking up the leftovers after the harvest in a field owned by Boaz.

Boaz discovered she was an outsider—a Moabite—the same people who would oppress his nation for eighteen years. You'd expect fireworks when they met. Instead, Boaz tells Ruth, "May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."

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*Practice the pause. When in doubt, pause. When angry, pause. When tired, pause. When stressed, pause. And when you pause, pray. -Toby Mac*

## Reminders

### March 13<sup>th</sup>

Women's Group – 2:00 p.m.

### March 16<sup>th</sup>

Women's Bible Study  
11:30 a.m.

Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.  
Choir Practice – 6:45 p.m.

### March 17<sup>th</sup>

T.O.P.S.  
4:30 p.m.

### March 19<sup>th</sup>

Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.

### March 20<sup>th</sup>

Methodist Men's Breakfast  
8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

**\*\*Worship Assistants needed for  
March 27<sup>th</sup> & April**

**\*\* Fellowship Volunteers needed  
sign-up in Fellowship Hall**

**\*\*Choir members are needed to join  
us on Wednesday nights at 6:45  
p.m.**

### "The Story" Study Groups

Women-Wednesday-11:30 a.m.  
All-Wednesday-6:15 p.m.

Books & Study Guides still available.  
Contact the office.

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His acceptance of Ruth goes a step further. Ruth finds him asleep on the threshing floor and lies down at his feet. When he awakens, Ruth asks him to "spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a family guardian." The word for "garment" is the same Hebrew word for "wings" in the blessing Boaz had pronounced over Ruth. God's acceptance came to Ruth through Boaz.

Your acceptance did too. You see, Boaz and Ruth had a son named Obed, the father of Jesse, the father of David. In Matthew's genealogy the lineage of Jesus is traced through David. Boaz is there too along with his mother Rahab (Matt. 1:5). Yes, that Rahab. The prostitute that lived in Canaan and sheltered the two spies Joshua sent into the land.

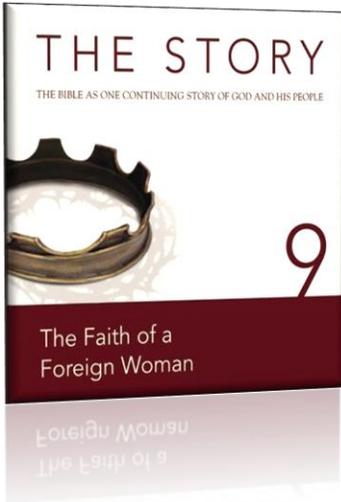


What do we do when we hit a wall? How have we responded when something in life has derailed our race? We still have all the passion we had when we started the race, but our figurative vehicle is in shambles and we have to head back to the pits or to the garage to race another day.

So many things can throw us into the wall and send us spinning. Financial stress, relational conflict, addiction, job loss, illness and a host of other problems can take us out of the race. If you're feeling broken down and idling on the sidelines while everyone else seems to race past you, you're not alone.

God calls us to look to him in the midst of these "crash" incidents, which we all have: 2 Corinthians 4:8–9 says, "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed." The apostle Paul and his partners in ministry knew what it was like to hit the wall, yet they kept their eyes on God and their focus on the greater goal of living a faithful Christian life.

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**Book Your Appointment Online**



Would you like to chat with Pastor Kelly, maybe over coffee, tea, or soda? Need to get something on the church calendar or need something brought to our attention? You can book an appointment online with Jeff or Pastor Kelly by going to the following link <https://bit.ly/3sm5lyY> (click on the link or copy and paste into your browser). You may also use a QR reader.



## Church Office Hours

** Children & Jr.-Sr. High Sunday School 10:15 Questers (Adults) 10:30	<b>Monday</b> 9:00-11:00 12:00-3:00
** <b>Bell Choir</b> – Volunteer needed	<b>Tuesday</b> 9:00-11:00 12:00-3:00
** <b>Chancel Choir</b> – Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m.	<b>Wednesday</b> CLOSED
	<b>Thursday</b> 9:00-11:00 12:00-3:00
	<b>Friday</b> 9:00-11:00 12:00-3:00

The front door to the church will be unlocked during office hours and closed only for errands and lunch.

Please continue to call in advance if you need in the church to make sure someone is in the office. If you reach the answering machine please leave your name, number, and a brief message and your call will be returned. Calls after 2:00 p.m. may be returned the next business day.



In Psalm, how many times were the words of the Lord purified?	Who was the son of King Saul?	Where did Job live?
a) 3 b) 5 c) 7 d) 12	a) David b) Jonathan c) Levi d) Samuel	a) Land of Goshen b) Land of Uz c) Land of Midian d) Land of Shinar

**Check page 4 for a hint, answers in next week's booster, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



*Anniversaries and Birthdays*

- 14<sup>th</sup> – Jenna Burdorf, Dick Pfeifer
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Jena Bowers, John Williams
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Jon Skillern
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Chase Hiser

\*\*See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one added, please call the office, or send an email to [office@shen.church](mailto:office@shen.church)

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down the Ctrl button and click on  
the link <http://bit.ly/3skF0p9>

**NO youth Sunday School, this  
coming Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Questers will have class.**

\*Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: **Terry Stafford**

**Call to Worship**

**Leader: Throughout all our lives God is with us.**

**People: Praise be to God for God's mercy and love.**

**L: Even when we are faced with difficult decisions, God's presence is near.**

**P: When we don't know which way to go, God will guide and lead us.**

**L: Open your hearts today to God's gentle leading.**

**P: We open our lives to God, that we may faithfully serve God all our days.**

**All: Amen.**

## **“Ruth and Redemption”**

Old Testament Scripture: **Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

New Testament Scripture: **Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 13:31-35**

**Songs**

**Victory In Jesus #370 (Hymnal)**

**Amazing Grace (words on the screens)**

**It Is Well with My Soul #377(Hymnal)**

**Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door #3095 (Green Book)**

**Last Week's Attendance**

**In-Person Worship – 71**

**Online Worship – 21**

**Our Mission:**

**“Know & Serve God by Sharing Christ's Love.”**

**Our Vision:**

**“We will grow in holiness, our community will thrive, & we will make a  
difference in our world.”**

Answers for March 6<sup>th</sup> a) Old Testament c) 7:7-8 b) Old Testament



The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you,

This week in my 6:30am [Good Morning, God livestream devotionals](#), the theme has been "Being Called and Commissioned". I've read the scriptures calling Moses, Abraham, Samuel, etc., and talked about how God calls and equips each one of us to minister, to serve in our own way. How, and to what, are you being called? That's one of the things I want you to prayerfully consider this week.

The other thing I want you praying about this week is your leaders/servants in the following roles: Ad Board, SPRC, Trustees, Finance, Nominations and Leadership Development. They are doing the heavy lifting of this local church and need a refreshing of God's spirit, power, and wisdom as they have meetings with one another and with conference staff. Pray for them earnestly. Think of how you would plead before a judge for leniency for your child. Read how King David poured out his heart before the Lord in the Psalms. Remember Jesus in the garden at Gethsemane. You should be praying for your church with the same fervor and passion. Consider meeting together in prayer and supporting one another.

In Christ's love,

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Link to my YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/EnvoyPV/>

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While the circumstances of our lives may have temporarily sidelined us, our race is not over. Relying on God’s strength, we have what we need to get back up, dust ourselves off, and join the race again.

And once we’re back behind the wheel with the gears engaged and the throttle down, we’ll be able to thank God, the one who helped us get back on track.

*From the NIV Fuel for the Race of Life New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs.*



*This is a reminder so you can put a note on your refrigerator. Saturday before you go to bed remember to set your clocks forward one hour. You won't want to be late to Sunday.*



The women’s group will meet this coming Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome!

The Methodist Men will hold their monthly breakfast and devotion next Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All men are welcome!



On Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, tornados touched down several times in the southern and eastern portions of the Aldersgate District, Winterset, and Chariton, as well as the rural areas around Corydon and Lamoni. Cities are assessing damages and their needs.

Iowa Annual Conference Disaster Ministries have been in touch with the pastors in the affected areas and they are preparing to make disaster emergency grants. We will know more as the week goes on about work crew needs. Right now, the most important thing we can do is pray and donate financial support to go directly to the affected communities.



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