

Upside Down : The Story of Ruth

GROWING IN GRACE

I need to develop godly attitudes.

- A) Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- B) Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- C) Repeat the attitude to help it sink in. Do this in conjunction with A & B!

Attitudes.

- 1. In Jesus, there are no "little people".
- 2. He bowed lower than low to save me and I am taller when I bow to him.
- 3. Lord help me to abide in the Gospel and know my life matters.

I need to grow in prayer.

A great way to do this is to learn to pray the Bible. Pray this prayer until you can pray without reading:

Loving Father, You know my thoughts and my pain. You know my secret sorrows and regrets. You know how dry I am inside and You know my sin and shame – and still You love me. Thank You for Jesus, who He is and what He did to make me right with You. Please pour the Holy Spirit into every nook and cranny of my life and make Your Gospel more and more formative of who I am and what I do. In

I need to get God's word in my mind and heart.

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:37-39

I need to do something or start to do something.

Complete the following sentence: "In light of God's word, the Holy Spirit is leading me to _____."



WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

We are glad you are here! We are a prayerful, Bible-teaching, evangelical church in the heart of the city with a heart for the city and the world. We are a member of the Anglican Network in Canada and part of the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans. We seek to be a biblically faithful and orthodox church within the Anglican Way of following Jesus.



Are you new? Get connected!

Is this your first visit to Church of the Messiah? Thank you for being with us. Interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? Please complete a *Connect Card* (available from a door host) and place it in the offering basket.

Nursery & Sunday School

Nursery (0 - 24 months) and Sunday School (2 yrs - Grade 6) are available at the 10am service. Nursery children meet in the Green Room in the basement (ask a door host). Sunday school kids are invited to follow the cross after the last worship song.



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Today's service:
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events/486509](http://bible.com/events/486509)

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Paint Event!

October 13th
2:00pm

The Bible House

\$15/person



Please contact the office before Wednesday October 3rd, if you would like to include the names of loved ones you wish to remember in the Thanksgiving bulletins.

Life Hurts. God?

DIG & DELVE 2018 will explore this topic of life does indeed hurt, but is it also without hope?

November 2-3rd
at the Bronson Center
Register online!



We Do Not Have All The Answers September 30th, 2018

Dear Friends,

We do not have all the answers. This is not a very rousing statement. If we put it on the opening page of our webpage, it would not draw lots of people. If I said, "Come to Messiah and worship with us, because we remind ourselves we do not have all the answers," well, it might be tweeted as a curiosity, but it would probably mean we would have fewer people visit our church.

Deep down, we want to have all the answers. If we are conscious that we do not have all the answers, then we want to be connected with someone, some group, some movement who do seem to have all the answers. Isn't that why we would instinctively feel uncomfortable if the opening words to our web page said, "We do not have all the answers and never will". I think our desire to have all the answers comes from two sources. Ever since the "Enlightenment" our culture has believed that through reason, science and technique, it is possible to know the answer to all questions. Even if many in our culture now reject elements of the "Enlightenment", that enlightenment project of knowledge continues, only in the form of intuition, "non-traditional knowledge", spirituality, and social and political utopian commitments.

The other reason we desire to have all the answers – the truest and deepest explanation – is found in Genesis 3. We as a species, and you and I as individuals, want to be god. Only a god, we believe, can possibly have all the answers. Actually, mythology shows that a god does not have all the answers. So what we really desire, is to be God, who alone knows all things. The problem is that God does exist and because He does exist, no gods exist and you and I will never be god. No person, movement, or institution will ever have all the answers.

A true sign of our fallenness, and that we cannot save ourselves, but need God to save us, is that we feel some sense of disappointment when told that we do not have all the answers.

I mention all of this because those of us who call Jesus Saviour and Lord – who have been made right with God by grace alone through faith alone, in Jesus Christ alone – we are human and we are Canadians. This means that we often develop religious ways of copying Canadian and human desires. In the process we deceive ourselves. As you will hear in the sermon for this Sunday [Sept 30], by the end of Ruth God does not give Naomi the answers to her complaints, accusations and laments. However, many Christians, in our day to day lives and in our churches and favourite teachers, we find this intolerable. We delight in "Four steps to a Great Marriage" or "Come have a Miracle that will fix your addictions" or "Five truths that banishes sorrow" And when we are face-to-face with someone in trouble, we either feel confident that we have the answers, or we feel inadequate that we do not have the answers. So we too breathe the air of Genesis 3 and the Enlightenment.

Sometimes all we can do is weep with those who weep. Bring them food. Go for a walk with them. Be present and not abandon them. Give them a hug. Bring them to church. Pray for them. We do not have all the answers, but we do know the Gospel, and we can pray for the Lord to be present, while signaling His presence by our hospitality in His name. Jesus is the risen King. He is also the man of sorrows, familiar with grief, by whose wounds we are healed.

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St. Joe's Supper Table



As is our custom, we will collect non-perishable food, toiletries, and gently-used clothing for St. Joe's Supper Table until Thanksgiving Sunday Oct. 7th

CANADA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 29, 2018 / OCTOBER 31, 2018

The Gospel Coalition National Conference!
October 29-31st, Mississauga, ON
Register online!