



THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD
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Bible Study

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Theme: Steadfastness

Topic: Example - **Promises Of God concerning Steadfastness**

Text: Example -1 Corinthians 15: 58

Steadfastness is defined as being constant, dedicated, devoted , devout, faithful , steady , true to a person, belief or cause. God has a lot of promises for us in the bible if only we can remain steadfast in this Christian race. We will also look at an example of somebody in the bible who remained steadfast and the promises she reaped. May the Lord help us in be steadfast in our commitment to him so we may reap the rewards He has in stock for us in Jesus name.

PROMISES OF GOD CONCERNING STEADFASTNESS :

Crown of life : James 1 :12

Completeness , Perfection , No lack : James 1 : 2-4

Mighty / Powerful : 2 Chronicles 27 : 6

Remembered forever / No fear : Psalm 112: 6-8

No Shame : Psalm 119: 4-6

Perfect Peace : Isaiah 26 : 3-4

Restoration / Strength : 1 Peter 5: 8-11

EXAMPLE OF RUTH : Ruth 1 : 1-22

We will compare and discuss this story of Ruth in the light of our Christian journey.

V4 - Ruth is a member of a condemned Nation because she and her people the Moabites were judged and condemned by God just as we were before salvation.

V5 - She had lost her husband and there was no hope for the future but was faced with the logical decision of going back to her father's house. Before salvation , we are faced with a choice or even when we miss our way we are faced with choices in life.

V6-7- Naomi hears that the famine in Israel has ended and decides to go back. This can be likened to a decision to leave the old ways/ life behind and follow Jesus.

V8-9- We are constantly faced with challenges. They are to give up their resolve and go back to a life of sin / wickedness. How to respond to a challenge is determined by your level of commitment.

V10-13- Naomi tries to convince them to go back because she has no more sons to give them. Note when satan tries and cannot get you , he keeps on trying so that you can fail and he will discredit the Lord through your life.

V14a - Orpah turned around and went back home. We need to be very careful when we face challenges so we do not give up and go back to our old ways like Orpah.

V14b-15 - Ruth clings to Naomi because her heart is committed and steadfast. The challenges we face in life instead of driving us away from God, should make us cleave more to Him.

OUR COMMITMENT JUST LIKE RUTH : Ruth 1 : 16-22

- Ruth committed to a new land of Bethlehem. We must commit to a new land of Heaven.
- Ruth committed to a new leadership under Naomi by submitting to her and allowing her to guide her life. We must commit to the leadership of the Holy Spirit to guide our lives.
- Ruth embraced a new lifestyle by giving up all her old gods and ways and committing to the God of Israel. We must embrace a lifestyle of Jesus and commit all our ways to him based on his word and will.
- Ruth committed to a new lineage and gave up her old moabite lineage. We must give up all ancient unGodly lineage and commit to a new lineage of Jesus
- Ruth has no limitation on her commitment. Only death could part her from this commitment. We must learn from Ruth to be fully committed to Jesus with no limits on our commitment. Total and absolute .

WHAT RUTH GAINED FROM HER STEADFASTNESS :

Ruth labor was not in vain. She married Boaz and became the great grandmother of King David. Ruth 4 :17-22.

Ruth was blessed and by changing her lineage got the crown of life.

Ruth was complete and lacked nothing for Boaz her husband was kind and rich : Ruth 2: 1, 14-17

Ruth was not put to shame : Ruth 4: 13-15. her name changed from widow and childless to married and fruitful.

Ruth had no fear and is remembered forever : Ruth 2:2, 4 : 22. We are speaking about her today for Jesus was born out of the lineage of Ruth. Matthew 1 : 1-17.

Conclusion

We see the great rewards associated with steadfastness and our text tells us that our God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him. Our prayer today and always is for God to help us in every area of our lives where we are falling short of steadfastness to help us to be steadfast in Jesus name.