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FINDING HOME

WHEREVER WE ARE OR WHATEVER SITUATION WE ARE IN

God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure. **Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)**

THE TWO KEYS TO FINDING HOME: WHEREVER WE ARE OR WHATEVER SITUATION WE ARE IN

"...Go back to your mothers' homes. And may the **Lord** reward you for your kindness to your husbands and to me. May the **Lord** bless you with the security of another marriage." Then she kissed them good-bye, and they all broke down and wept. "No," they said. "We want to go with you to your people." But Naomi replied, "Why should you go on with me... No, my daughters, return to your parents' homes... And again they wept together, and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye. But Ruth clung tightly to Naomi. "Look," Naomi said to her, "your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods. You should do the same." But Ruth replied, "Don't ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God." Ruth 1:8-16 (NLT)

1. Home is where <u>God</u> is. Home is where <u>Jesus</u> is.

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So the Word (Jesus) became human and made **his home** among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. **John 1:14 (NLT)**

Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ... 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 (NLT)

2. Home is where Jesus' family is.

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...God's family is the church of the living God... 1 Timothy 3:15 (GW)

Going deeper on your own: Read the book of Ruth and answer these questions. Why do you think Ruth chose to go with Naomi rather than staying with her parents? Even though Naomi had lost her husband and sons, why do you think Naomi hoped the Lord would bless Orpah and Ruth? What do you believe motivated Boaz to choose to care for Ruth even though she was a Moabite woman? When Ruth came to Boaz in the night why do you think he did not take advantage of her? Naomi and Ruth had another relative that could have redeemed them but chose not to, why do you think he didn't? Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz were all looking for home. What were the keys to them finding the home they had always been looking for? Now, look at your home. Does it feel like home? If not, what is missing? What is one thing you could do this week to help your home become the home God always had in mind for you? Have you ever brought Jesus home? Have you ever become a part of His family? If not, why not begin today?