



ILL: WHICH QUARTERBACK HAS "IT" // THIS CHURCH WANTS YOU TO BE MORE COOL IN 2011

... his delight is in the law of the LORD ... whatever he does prospers.

Psalm 1:2-3

Jesus: I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10

WHO OBEY THE BIBLE LIVE ABOVE THE ORDINARY // WHO KNOW JESUS KNOW FULL LIFE

The Elements

1. Air :: God is my breath, the most important thing in my life.
2. Fire :: God's family fuels my fire.
3. Earth :: I am God's earth letting him shape me.
4. Water :: The world needs my water, the blessings God gives through me.

"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

A New Command

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35

CHRISTIANS SHOULD LOVE HANGING OUT WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS

People cause problems.

FOR SOLUTIONS, WE OFTEN GRAVITATE TOWARD INDEPENDENCE

**Healthy relationships with God's people
are worth the effort.**

"IT" needs the fire of community

Ruth 1 (p. 184)

Naomi: **bitter depressed**, running **away**.

DOESN'T SHE SOUND LIKE SOMEONE YOU WANT TO GO WITH ON A LONG JOURNEY?

Ruth: **loyal determined**, running **toward**.

HARDSHIP PUSHES YOU TO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIPS.

Ruth 2

Boaz is a **k i n s m a n**.

Boaz is a **g o o d** man.

Boaz is **i n t e r e s t e d**.

Boaz replied, "I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. May the LORD repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."

Ruth 2:11-12

Ruth 3

Ruth and Boaz **choose** each **other**.

RUTH 3:9

Ruth 4

Boaz does the **r i g h t t h i n g**.

Boaz marries **R u t h**.

G o d gives them baby **O b e d**.

EVERYTHING WORKED OUT FOR EVERYONE

Take it Home

Which character are you?

NAOMI - KEEP COMING, RUTH - JOIN A GROUP, BOAZ - LOVE SOMEONE YOU DON'T HAVE TO

Enter the story all the way.

TAMAR, NAOMI, RUTH --> DAVID --> JESUS

THAT'S WHAT GOD DOES! HE TAKES BROKENNESS AND REDEEMS IT THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

John 1:12

ONE OF OUR LIFE GROUPS HAS PUT TOGETHER SOMETHING TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO PURSUE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IN RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD'S PEOPLE.