

# *the Connection*

MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH  
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## **DIRECTING US THROUGH HIS TRUTH**

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We don't know much about the two men travelling on the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus in Luke 24. We do, however, know what they were discussing. Jesus had just been crucified by the Romans. As they walked, they recalled some of the mighty works they had seen Jesus perform and the powerful words they had heard Him speak. They were hoping that He was the One Who would redeem Israel. But then He had been arrested, tried, pronounced guilty by the chief priests and rulers, and sentenced to death by Pilate. But the story had taken a new twist when news began to circulate among Christ's followers that the women who had gone to the tomb that morning to anoint His body had been met by angels proclaiming that He was alive! The empty tomb had even been witnessed by two of Jesus' closest disciples. As Cleopas and his companion walked, Jesus approached them to inquire what they were talking about that made them so sad. After they had answered, Jesus said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken" (v. 25). He went on to explain that what had happened in Jerusalem the last few days shouldn't have taken them by surprise. It had been prophesied starting with Moses and with all the Prophets. Jesus, Himself, had spoken plainly of these things. He had explained the reason He had been sent by His Father. Yet many of His followers seemed to miss the significance of His words. They did not believe. Not much has changed since then. If Jesus met you and me in our daily activities, in times of uncertainty and doubt, in our many temptations to sin, in our responses to adversity, His rebuke to us may sound similar, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all I have spoken in My Word!"

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is providence, and how does it relate to knowledge, ability, and goodness?
2. According to Ruth 2:3, she "happened" to come to the field of Boaz. Do you believe in coincidences?
3. What were the risks and dangers of Naomi's scheme? (Ruth 3:1-8)
4. How does Boaz describe Ruth? (Ruth 3:10-11)
5. In what ways does Ruth trust in God's providence? (Ruth 3:5-9, 18)
6. In what ways does Boaz trust in God's providence? (Ruth 3:10-17)
7. In what ways have you experienced God's providence, and how does that encourage you to trust Him in the future?

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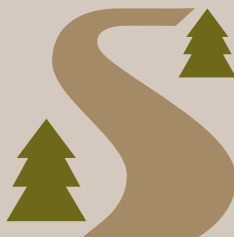
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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM OR 6:00 PM

In-person services take place in the gym. Services are simultaneously livestreamed in the auditorium, or available to you at home. The evening service will be held outdoors. This is open to everyone and will allow those who don't wear a mask to worship and fellowship with the church family.

- "O FATHER, YOU ARE SOVEREIGN"
- "I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD"
- PRAYER
- "HE WILL HOLD ME FAST"
- CHILDREN'S STORY
- "I GAVE MY LIFE FOR THEE"
- MESSAGE: "TRUSTING GOD'S PROVIDENCE"  
RUTH 3:1-18 PASTOR KEVIN WILLIAMS
- "GOD OF GRACE"
- BENEDICTION

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Just as the events of 2000 years ago should not have been hard for Christ's followers to understand, God's will for Christians today is abundantly evident in His revealed Word. "What more can He say than to you He has said?" the songwriter penned. This is a great question for each of us to ponder. All that we need to live godly lives has been given to us. In keeping God's commandments and heeding His warnings, "there is great reward" (Ps. 19:11). With His Spirit's enablement, may God open our eyes to the truths found in Scripture so we "approve the things that are excellent" in order to "be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ" (Philippians 1:10).



## WEDNESDAY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY/KIDS 4 TRUTH: 7 PM

This in-person service is held in the auditorium. [A Zoom link is available](#) for those who would like to participate from home.

## CALENDAR ITEMS:

**Thursday, June 10, 7 pm:** Vacation Bible School Volunteers' Meeting for anyone interested in helping with VBS (Grade 9 or older)

**Sunday, June 13:** The Lord's Supper will be observed

**Sunday, June 20:** Father's Day and Mother's Day gifts will be distributed to attendees

**Thursday, July 1:** Canada Day Picnic

**Sunday-Thursday, July 18-23, 6:30-8:30 pm:**

Vacation Bible School (Ages 4 to grade 6)