



Our beautiful world, can make us feel small, but Scripture tells us that we are all important to God – loved immeasurably by him and our worth is not in the transience of this life but in our life in Jesus. This Jesus who said: *“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”* Matthew 10:29-31 So if sometimes you’re feeling very small and insignificant – look up and see the glory of the skies and remember we’re worth everything to the God who made us.

Song

Noah built the most enormous boat
That kept the birds and animals afloat
The Lord was good, the Lord was strong
And Noah lived his life for him

Moses led his people through the sea
Taking them away from slavery
The Lord was good, the Lord was strong
And Moses lived his life for him

Oh thank you, oh thank you
That all through history you were faithful
Thank you, oh thank you
That you are just the same when it comes to me, when it comes to me

David fought Goliath and he won
A humble shepherd boy became a king
The Lord was good, the Lord was strong
And David lived his life for him

Daniel was inside a lion’s den
But God brought him to safety once again
The Lord was good, the Lord was strong
And Daniel lived his life for him

Jesus died to take away our sin
So we could get to know our God again
The Lord is good, the Lord is strong
And we will live our lives for him

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Read Ruth 4:18-22; Matthew 1:1-6

Teaching

Give thanks to God for the person/people who had or have a positive influence on you in your Christian faith.

- What qualities of Jesus did you observe in them?
- What can I imitate in them that may help me to be similarly influential to those with whom I have contact?
- Is God shining a light into any areas of my life where I show discrimination to others?
- What am I going to do about it?
- How can I be ‘ruth’ this week?

Song

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, Who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine.

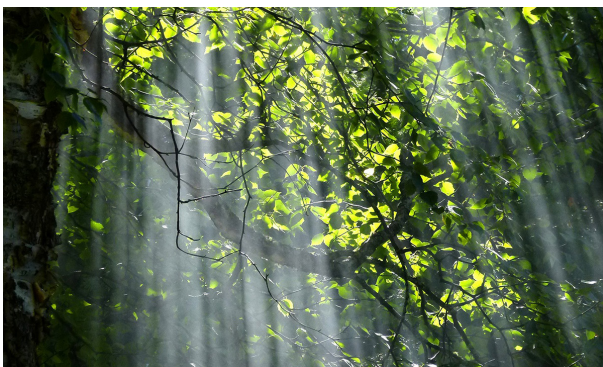
You are forever mine.

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Song

In the crushing
In the pressing
You are making new wine
In the soil I now surrender
You are breaking new ground

So I yield to You and to Your careful hand
When I trust You I don't need to understand

Make me Your vessel
Make me an offering
Make me whatever You want me to be
I came here with nothing
But all You have given me
Jesus bring new wine out of me

In the crushing
In the pressing
You are making new wine
In the soil I now surrender
You are breaking new ground

Where there is new wine
There is new power
There is new freedom
The Kingdom is here
I lay down my old flames
To carry Your new fire today

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Prayers

Take time to pray with the focus of how as Christians we can '*act justly and love mercy.*'
Include issues raised in Ruth, our treatment of:

- **Foreigners**
- **Strangers**
- **Famine relief**
- **Infertility**
- **Sexual and Gender-based violence**
- **Immigrants**

For the Lord God is our sun and our shield. He gives us grace and glory. The Lord will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right.
Psalm 84:11