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## Follow Me

But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me." Ruth 1:16—17

This is one of my favorite passages in all of Scripture, partly because it reminds me to be a better daughter-in-law and partly because it's so passionate. Ruth's love for Naomi is so full and overwhelming. She is willing to leave her land, her family and all that is familiar to her to be with Naomi. Ruth is still grieving the death of her husband, her father-in-law and brother-in-law, yet she can see through her grief into loving Naomi well.

So who is following whom? Ruth's desire is to follow Naomi back to Israel. Naomi is sort-of following her stomach back to Israel. Yet, it's Ruth's faithfulness that Naomi follows back to God's heart.

But the story is not just about a couple of ladies hiking back to Bethlehem. God has business with Naomi and Ruth, all of which he works through a guy named Boaz. God has business with you...now.

Are you following the wrong path or are you just treading water because you've given up? Could little-things-that-will-add-up-to-big-sins be cluttering your vision? You may just be dern worn out. Open your eyes and look around. Who is He using to bring you back to him?

He loves you and wants to be in relationship with you. He'll do anything for your, even offer up his son as a sacrifice in your place.

I don't want to ruin the story, BUT....God does something totally cool with Ruth, Boaz and Naomi. So, go...read it now...before I tell you how it ends...

With joy,

Jill

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## Monthly Mentions

**VBS is in the works.** If you would like to guarantee your child's placement, volunteer. June 28th—July 2nd, all positions are needed. Please contact January Britt at 447-0322 or januarybritt@verizon.net.

**VBS registration** is open to St. Matthew's families until May 10th, then open to the public. Registration forms are available online and in the mail office. Questions—call Jill Rich at 288-1911.

The **Golden Babysitter book will actually be a bulletin board** and is in process. Anyone willing to refer their favorite babysitter, please contact Jill at 288-1911 or jillatstmatts@hotmail.com.

**Homebuilders will be meeting** May 16th and 23rd at 5:00. There is a potluck dinner that follows and childcare for the teaching time. This is a great group for EVERYONE, not just families with young children. If you have any questions, please contact Mario Gonzalez at 288-1911.

No Sunday School on May 2nd due to Shrine Mont!!!

## Nursery Schedule

**Thank you to all from the congregation, as well as all the parents who have selflessly offered their time to care for our younger parishioners.**

**If you would like to be included on the schedule, call Jill at 288-1911.**

Date	Infants	Toddlers	Preschoolers
May 2 Shrine Mont***	Lynda Jenkins	Heather Creswick	Elizabeth Spadea
	Anne Simpson	Tom Veech	John Spadea
9	Kathryn Martin	Linda Wilson	Kaki Vint
	Dave Martin	Leslie Harris	Laura Allin
16	Natalie Axtell	Gretchen DeFrancesca	Kate Garitz
	Cliff Axtell	Todd DeFrancesca	Shawn Garitz
23	Heather Creswick	Kathryn Martin	Bethany Piersol
	Tom Veech	Nancy Godfrey	Jake Piersol
30	Nancy Knight	Ann Brown	Megan Lloyd
	Lee West	Boyd Brown	Chris Lloyd

\*\*\*\* There is no Sunday School. Infant workers please arrive at 10:15.