有了耶稣就有了一切

因为你必赐福给义人,耶和华啊,你必用恩惠如同盾牌四面护卫他。——诗篇 5:12

嗨,孩子们!今天,我们来谈谈搬家。现在,搬家是一份很棒的工作。如果我们可以的话, 最简单的方法就是把我们的房子,像蜗牛一样背着走。但既然我们不能这样,我们就得打包我们 的衣服,我们的玩具,我们的书,我们的锅碗瓢盆,我们的冰箱,我们的沙发......然后我们就得 把所有东西装上卡车运到我们的新家。好多东西啊!但如果你找不到卡车怎么办?对一些人来 说,唯一的搬家方式就得这样,有时候,人们用摩托车甚至自行车搬走他们的东西。无论你是拥 有一辆卡车、一辆汽车,还是一辆自行车,有一点都是一样的,就是如果你不得不搬家,你会想 带尽可能多的东西,这样你在新家就会有你需要的一切东西了!



今天的圣经故事讲的是关于一个女子不得不搬家的故事,不单单只是跨越城市,而是一路到 另一个国家。这个女子名叫路得,路得离开摩押,跟随拿俄米到了以色列地。那时那里没有车, 没有汽车,也没有自行车。当那日,路得离开摩押时,她所能带在身上的东西就是她的全部家当 了。圣经告诉我们,路得是个寡妇,这意味着她的丈夫已经死了。婆婆拿俄米也是寡妇。她们的 丈夫都死了,没有人供养她们,所以路得和拿俄米变得很贫穷。所以,当她们到达伯利恒的时 候,她俩几乎一无所有。在伯利恒,路得和拿俄米两人孤单地生活在一起。路得谁也不认识,因 为她的亲友都是摩押人,住在很远的地方。可怜的路得,在伯利恒,她不但没有钱,除了拿俄米 也没有其他家人,而且也没有朋友。



现在你知道对路得来说,事情有多糟糕了!但接下来让我们来看看事情是如何开始向好的方面发展的。你知道,路得没有很多东西,但是她有一样东西使她与众不同,那就是她相信以色列的上帝。是的,她相信我们良善的上帝。当拿俄米吩咐她留在摩押地时,请听路得是怎么回答她婆婆的。路得记1:16 告诉我们: "不要叫我离开你回去。你往哪里去,我也往那里去。你在哪里住,我也在那里。你的国就是我的国,你的神就是我的神。"哇!路得是如此信靠我们的神,以至于她愿意抛下一切跟随拿俄米到以色列去。路得的信仰是正确的!她相信我们的父神,以色列的神——足够强大,足够强壮,足够好,足以照顾她!即使她似乎一无所有,身边没有一个人可以称为自己人,路得也相信,只要有一位真神与她同在,一切都会好起来的!在路得所不能的时候,我们良善的神凡事都能!当路得说: "你的神必成为我的神"的时候,神就与路得同在!

你是知道的,当主与你同在的时候,好事就会发生。路得得蒙恩惠的第一件事就是神在适当 的时间把她放在适当的地点。当路得走到田间里,试图捡田地上的大麦穗时,上帝帮助路得进入 一个富人波阿斯的那块田。遇见波阿斯对她来说是最好的事。虽然他是一个富有的地主,而她只 是一个贫穷的寡妇,一无所有,路得却得到了波阿斯的青睐。这意味着波阿斯对路得格外友好, 给了她特别的照顾。波阿斯欢迎她,吩咐仆人不要打扰她。波阿斯是如此的仁慈和慷慨,他甚至 告诉他的仆人要故意多掉些大麦穗给路得去捡。最后,波阿斯爱上了路得并娶了她为妻子。



神眷顾路得,使她在"对的"时间,在"对的"地点,遇见"对的"人,使"对的"事发 生!当她倚靠耶和华,耶和华就使她的一无所有变成样样都有!神给了她一个保护她的丈夫,给 了她所需要的一切!后来,路得和波阿斯生了一个儿子,名叫俄备得。俄备得后来也得一个儿子 名叫耶西,耶西是牧童大卫的父亲,大卫后来成为以色列最伟大的国王。路得,这个一无所有的 女子成为了国王的曾祖母!哇!多好的祝福啊! 接下来,我来告诉你一个失去了一切的孤儿发生的故事。她住在一个女孩之家里,因为她的 父母离开了她。这是件非常令人伤心的事!像路得一样,她相信上帝会照顾她。有一天,她放学 后在等公交车,突然她意识到自己没有足够的钱来付车费,她还差一毛钱。这下糟糕了,因为她 没有别的办法回家。那是一段很长的路,她找不到可以帮助她的人。正当她不知所措时,她看到 一辆公共汽车开了过来。她担心这俩就是她要坐的车子,可她上不了车,于是她大声叫道:"阿 爸天父,救救我!"原来这辆不是她的车。但当这辆车开走时,地上有样东西——是 10 元!这女 孩简直不敢相信她的眼睛,她没想到会这样!她只需要一毛钱,上帝却给了她 100 倍多的数目。



今天我们听到了多么好的消息啊!神看顾路得,祂今天也同样一直看顾着我们。就像路得一 样,我们要做的就是相信祂,信靠祂。在路得的故事中,上帝派波阿斯去把路得的一无所有变成 样样都有。在我们的故事里,上帝把祂的儿子赐给我们,虽然我们可能开始时一无所有且孤立无 助,但因为我们有耶稣,祂就会预备好东西给我们。当我们有了耶稣,我们就有了所需要的一 切。 让我们翻到诗篇 5:12,你可能也需要标记一下,说的是:"因为你必赐福给义人,耶和华 啊,你必用恩惠如同盾牌四面护卫他。"谁是义人?就是我们!我们是蒙福的人,我们是享受上 帝恩惠的人,上帝保护我们,给我们需要的一切!也许现在你需要很多东西,也许你需要朋友, 也许你想念你的家人,也许就像那个女孩需要钱搭公车一样,你需要上帝提供你和你的家人需要 的东西,也许你在想:"噢,Tabbi老师,我需要的是更好的成绩!"好消息是,无论你没有什 么,我们的阿爸天父都能供应给你。对于我们来说,重要的不是我们拥有什么,而是谁与我们在 一起!我们有一个非常爱我们的神。不管你如何开启这一年,孩子们,记住,你们的未来是光明 的。只要坚持,坚持微笑着面对,因为上帝的恩惠照耀着你。就在你期待的时候,你可能会发现 自己在对的地方,在对的时间做对的事情,或者遇到对的人,使你正走向成功!孩子们,给我们 的上帝一声赞美吧,说:"感谢主对我们这么好!因为我们有你,我们就有了一切美好的东西! 阿门!"



孩子们,如果你正在听这个故事,你从来没有邀请耶稣进入你的生命,成为你的主 和救主,你现在可以这样做,跟着我重复这个祷告: "亲爱的主耶稣,感谢你为我死在 十字架上。你是神的儿子,你死了,也被埋葬,第三天又复活了。你宝血洗去了我所有 的罪,使我得以永远与阿爸天父在一起。我请求你现在进入我的生命里,成为我的主和 救主,我永远是个义人,永远是有福的,永远是神的孩子。奉耶稣的名,阿门!

FAVOUR GIVES ME EVERY GOOD THING

For you, O LORD, will bless the righteous; with favour You will surround him with a shield.

Psalm 5:12

Hey Rock Kidz! Today, we're going to talk about moving! Now, moving is a great job! If we could, the easiest way would be to pick up our home and move the whole thing, just like the snail! But since we can't, we need to pack. Our clothes, our toys, our books, our pots and pans, our fridge, our sofa. Woo, then we have to load everything up into trucks and sent them to our new place. What a lot of stuff! But what do you do if you can't get any trucks? For some people, the only way to move is this. And sometimes, people move their things on motorbikes, and even bicycles too! Whether you have a truck, a car, or just a bicycle, one thing remains the same. If you had to move, you want to take as much as you can so that you will have everything you need in your new place.

Today's Bible story is about a woman who had to move. Not just across town, but all the way to another country. When Ruth left Moab to follow Naomi to the land of Israel, there were no trucks or cars or bicycles. On the day Ruth left Moab, all she had was what she could carry. The Bible tells us that Ruth was a widow. This means that her husband had died. Her mother-in-law, Naomi was a widow too. Both their husbands have died, and without a man to provide for them, Ruth and Naomi became poor. So, when they arrived at Bethlehem, the women did not have very much at all. In Bethlehem, Ruth was all alone with Naomi. She did not know anyone, because all her friends and family were Moab, far far away. Poor Ruth, in Bethlehem, she had no money, no family except Naomi and no friends at all.

Now you know how bad things were for Ruth, we come to the part where things start to become good! You see, Ruth did not have a lot of things, but she had one thing that made all the difference, she believed in the God of Israel. Yes, she believed in our good, good god. When Naomi told her to stay in Moab, look t when Ruth said. Ruth 1:16 tells us, **Don't try to make me leave you and go back. Where you go I'll go. Where you stay I'll stay. Your people will be my people. Your God will be my God.** Wow. Ruth believed in our God so much that she was willing to leave everything behind and follow Naomi to the land of Israel. Ruth believed right. She believed that our Daddy God, the God of Israel, was big enough, strong enough and good enough to take care of her. Even when it seemed that she had nothing and no one to call her own, Ruth believed that when she had the one true God with her, everything will be all right. The good news is when Ruth could not, our good, good God could. When Ruth said, "Your God will be my God", God was with Ruth.

You already know that good things happen when the Lord was with you! the first thing happened is that God's favour put Ruth at the right place at the right time! When Ruth went out into the fields to try and pick up the bits and pieces of barley from the ground. The Lord helped Ruth to go to the field that belong to a wealthy man named Boaz. Meeting Boaz was the best thing that could have happened to her. Even though he was a rich land owner and she was just a poor widow with nothing and no one, Ruth found favour in Boaz. This means that Boaz showed Ruth extra kindness and gave her special treatment. Boaz welcomed her and told his workers not to bother her. Boaz was so kind and generous

that he even told his man to purposely drop more barley for Ruth to pick! In the end, Boaz fell in love with Ruth and married her.

The favour of God put Ruth at the right place at the right time, to meet the right man for the right things to happen. When she put her trust in the Lord, He turned her nothing into very good thing. He gave her a husband who protected her and gave her everything she needed. Later, Ruth and Boaz had a son called Obed. Who later had a son called Jesse. Jesse was the father of the shepherd boy David who went on to be the greatest king Israel ever had. That's right, Ruth, the girl who started with nothing became the great-grandmother of a king! Wow!

Let me tell you what happened to an orphaned girl who lost even the little she had. She lived in a girl's home because her parents had left her. This is very sad, except that just like Ruth, she put her trust in the Lord to take good care of her. One day, she was waiting for a bus after school, when she realized that she did not have enough money to pay for the ride. She was short ten cents! This was not good because she had no other way to get back to the home. It was a long, long walk. And there was no one she could call to help her. As she was wondering what to do, she saw a bus coming. Afraid that it was her bus and that she wouldn't be able to get on, she cried out, "Daddy God, help!" It was not her bus. But when this bus pulled away, there was something on the ground. It was \$10! The girl can hardly believe her eyes, she wasn't expecting this! When all she needed was 10 cents, God gave her a hundred times more.

What good news we had heard today. The God who took such good care of Ruth still takes care of us today. Just like Ruth, all we have to do is to believe and trust Him. In Ruth's story, God sent Boaz to turn Ruth's nothing into every good thing. In our story, God sent us his Son. In our story, we can start with nothing and no one, but because we have Jesus, He gives us good thing. When we have Jesus, we have everything we need.

Let's flip our Bibles to Psalms 5:12. You might want to highlight this as well. It says, "For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; with favour You will surround him as with a shield." Who are the righteous? We are! We are the ones who are blessed. We are the ones who enjoy God's favour that protects us and gives us everything that we need. Maybe right now there are many things that you need. Maybe you need friends. Maybe you have family that you miss. It could be that maybe just like the girl who needed money for the bus, you need God to provide the things that you and your family need. Maybe you're thinking, "Aw Teacher Tabbi, what I need is better grades!" The good news is that on matter what you don't have, our daddy God is able to supply. For us, it is not about what we have but who we have with. We have a God who loves us very much. No matter how you started this year, remember Rock Kids, your future is bright. Just keep on, keeping on with a smile on your face, because the favour of God shines on you. Just when you expect it, **you might find yourself in the right place, at the right time to do the right thing or meet the right person that will set you on your way to good success.** So, Rock Kids, give our God a shout of praise. Say, "Thank you Lord for being so good to us. Because we have You, we have every good thing! Amen!"

Hey rock Kidz, if you are listening to this story and you've never asked Jesus to come into your life to be your Lord and Saviour, you can do so now. Just repeat this prayer after me, "Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for dying on the cross for me. You are the Son of God, who died, was buried and on the third day, you rose again. Your precious blood washed away all my sins making me forever right with Daddy God. I ask You now to come into my life to be my Lord and Saviour. I am forever righteous, forever blessed, forever a child of God. In Jesus'name," and everyone say, "Amen."