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Hope Beyond Failure

Rarely will one of God's heroes show up in the Scriptures having lived a life free of failure. Take Peter, for example. As soon as you read the name, you remember his story. Peter experienced the extreme highs and lows of life — from days spent in blessed fellowship with Christ . . . to the heart-wrenching erosion of loyalty when he denied the Lord. Not once. Not twice. *Three times*. Once he realized his failure, the Bible says, "he went out and wept bitterly" ([Luke 22:62](#)).

Can you remember a failure that was so dramatic and so tearful for you that you hardly need to be reminded of the feelings? I remember Betsie ten Boom's words, "There is no pit so deep but that He is not deeper still." As dark and as deep and as tragic as your failure may be, He is willing to go to the depths of it with you.

This was true of Peter too. Look back at [Luke 22](#). After the surprising warning of Satan's attack, Jesus gave Peter a statement of fact: "I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail." Then there was a veiled reassurance: "And you, when once you have turned again . . ." Then a final command: "Strengthen your brothers" (22:32).

What does that suggest? It suggests that Peter was going to fall. "Once you have turned again." "Retraced your steps" is another way someone else has put it. "Once you have turned again," Jesus said, "then use it to strengthen your brothers." Jesus knew Peter to the core. He knew Peter would fall, but He prayed for him that he would not remain fallen. Jesus loved Peter—even at his point of deepest weakness.

How did He prove that love? [Mark 16:6-7](#) answers that question. After the Resurrection, while the women were standing at the tomb, an angel told them:

"Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here; behold, here is the place where they laid him. But go, tell His disciples *and Peter*." (emphasis added)

Isn't that great? "Don't forget Peter. He's the last one who thinks that I'll ever want to talk to him again. *Tell Peter!*" What grace!

Somewhere between the time Peter fell and this angelic announcement there was a process during which Peter wallowed in remorse, wishing he could, if possible, correct his error . . . but he couldn't. And somewhere in the midst of it he heard the Lord say to him, "Peter, I forgive you. I understand. Use it to strengthen your brothers."

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That's why Peter later was able to write the following words to early Christians:

May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope *through the resurrection*. (1 Peter 1:2-3), emphasis added)

Why did this mean so much to Peter? Because it was at the Resurrection Peter's name was called, and the Lord in tender mercy said, "Tell him I've come back."

First Peter is a letter of great hope written by a man who experienced it! By the time he wrote this letter, Peter had come to the place where he was not only back on the scene, he was aggressively engaged in the formation of the early church.

It can happen to you too. Just like fallen and forgiven Peter, you can find new hope despite your failures. If you are a believer, you are born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3).

What tender mercy! What triumphant grace! Failure is not forever. God specializes in forgiveness and hope. He can use even your worst failures in a mighty way.

Taken from Charles R. Swindoll, "Hope beyond Failure"

WOODVILLE CHURCH NURSERY SCHEDULE

April

4th Marilyn Davis & Joziah Smith
11th Kim Schaefer & Adriana Beckwith
18th Nina Bell & Nancy Redd
25th Nina Bell & Lynda Kolehouse

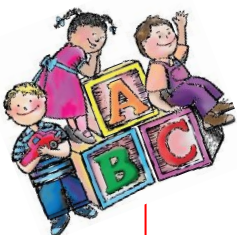
May

2nd Deb Thorne & Sharen Franklin
9th Adriana Beckwith & Teri Hook
16th Polly Byers & Jackie Teja
23rd Mary Helmus & Barb Knight
30th Sue Walta & Kristana Guidry

Thank you, ladies, for your service in caring for these little ones.

If you are unable to serve on the date that you are scheduled please contact Susan Foust at 231-652-1237 as soon as possible.

If you would like to serve in our church nursery please see Shelly Werner for a Safe Church policy and form.



What To Do When You've Blown It: 6 Gracious Steps



I love the story of Peter in the Bible — he was a man who spoke before he thought — a lot like myself. Peter has been known as “impetuous Peter”, Peter’s whole life was one big walking object lesson. Peter did some great things. Peter did some really not great things. Can you relate? I know I can. That’s why I love the last chapter of John’s gospel that contains a breakfast conversation between Jesus and Peter. Over a campfire by the sea, Jesus shows Peter an ocean of grace. Here are six ways for you to step forward into that grace as well:

1. Find grace in biblical stories of people like you.

If you feel like a failure, the Bible is for you. The gospel is for you. Jesus is for you. The story of the friendship between Jesus and Peter is for you. I love a quote made concerning Jesus — *“When Jesus rose from the dead He didn’t make a speech to the world, He made breakfast for His friends.”* That pretty well sums it up. After Peter denied Jesus three times, Jesus made him breakfast on the beach and gave him three opportunities to say, “I love you.” This is powerful grace. This is the kind of forgiveness that can transform a life.

2. Face the significance of moments in which we’re prone to wander.

The breakfast conversation in John 21 follows the darkest chapter in Peter’s life. He had just denied he knew Jesus three times. Peter went from charging soldiers with a dagger, to keeping them from taking Jesus away, to stuttering that he didn’t know Jesus, to a young girl who simply opened the garden gate for him. Like Peter, we have failed Jesus in our past, and like Peter, we sometimes miss the significance of those moments that lead us away from Jesus as well. We are not done failing yet. As one old hymn says, our hearts are prone to wander.

3. Accept forgiveness.

Someone once said, *“There is more forgiveness in Jesus than there is failure in us.”* But that can be so hard to believe, can’t it? There can be a whole lot of failure in us, if we’re honest. But since God knows everything, He knew what He was getting into with us from the very beginning, after all, He knew us before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1: 4-5)!

That means we can’t surprise Him. That also means there will never be a moment in your Christian life when Jesus regrets forgiving you. There will never be a moment when you disgust Him.

That’s because he knows you, the real you. And he loves you, the real you. And His forgiveness is big enough for all of you, all of the real you. We discover in the gospel that we can’t hide: God knows us fully. We discover in Christ that we don’t need to hide: God loves us deeply. This is the greatest news in the whole world.

4. Repent, learn, and take action.

Jesus never turns away anyone who’s willing to admit they’ve messed up and need His help. The word in the Bible for this is repentance. It means agreeing with God that His way is best, saying we’re sorry to Him and others for how we’ve blown it, and committing to do better in the future with His help.

Once you repent, the next step is to learn from your mistakes. While we won't have perfect obedience here on earth, there's certainly a lot we can learn from our failures. Think through the kinds of things that contributed to your failure with a close friend who can keep you accountable. Make an action plan for how you want things to go differently in the future.


5. *Look to the cross by running to Jesus with your whole heart.*

Maybe you feel like Peter, like you've blown it big time. Or instead of one massive mistake, maybe you feel buried beneath a million bad decisions made over a long, too long, a period of your life. Some people might feel distanced from Jesus, not due to guilt-ridden decisions or deep-rooted habits, but by a heart that's grown cold in the midst of doing good things. Like Peter, we all need to run to Jesus. Forgiveness lies in one direction. We'll find it at the cross. That doesn't mean our work is over, but it does mean we're heading in the right direction.

Wherever you're at in your walk with God, look to the cross. That's where Jesus paid the ultimate price for our disobedience. The author of Hebrews tells us to throw off the sin that easily entangles us and to fix our eyes on Jesus ([Hebrews 12:1-2](#)). By turning from our sin, we find a fresh start in our walk with God. By fixing our eyes on Jesus we can begin to see the path forward in our fight to follow Him.

6. *Embrace that the struggle itself is a victory.*

Someone once said, "The victory *is* the struggle." His point was that sometimes we might not experience complete freedom, but we should recognize the victory of the struggle itself. It's God who gives us the desire to attempt to become more like Jesus. As long as there is a believing heart beating within your chest, God's love is big enough to take you back. His forgiveness is strong enough to cover your faults, and His Spirit powerful enough to complete what God started in the first place. Don't let failure keep you from serving God. Peter didn't. Jesus forgave Peter. He will forgive you too. Jesus used a failure like Peter. He can use you too.



Please plan to join our Woodville Church family
for this very special time!
Friday, April 2nd we will be having our
Good Friday service at
7 pm and sharing together in Holy Communion.

Sunday, April 4th we will come together to
celebrate **Resurrection Day!**
With our sermon titled; ***"The Hope & Promise of the
Resurrection"***

In this issue:

Proper Etiquette with BOB

The Great Controversy



Looking at our world today and it's changing lifestyles throughout our community and our country. Being a native country boy of this Woodville Community and seeing how the years have eroded away at our morals, manners and believers attitudes.

During the many years of researching our family history and genealogy authenticating it back to 1560 Nottingham, England, I found it very interesting how America was introduced to CHRISTIANITY.

In our early years of education, we all learned about the Pilgrims, the Mayflower and Thanksgiving, and like myself and many others gave little thought to the MAYFLOWER COMPACT, the FORESHADOWING, and of our UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

"WHY DID THE REFORMERS PROTEST THE CHURCH THAT THEY LOVED?"

The Protestant Reformers loved their church but loved God's Word even more. The Bible and the Bible's only rule of faith and practice, "was the Motto". Martin Luther, John Calvin, William Tyndale and others pointed people to the Bible, not the Church as the supreme source of truth.

Their Conviction brought them into heated controversy with their religious establishments of their convictions despite intense persecution and even death. (From the book *The Great Controversy*)

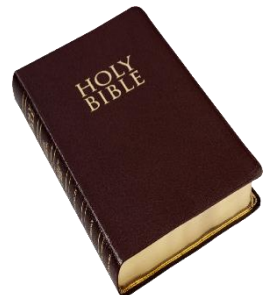
After two failed attempts to establish Colonies in the New America, the Puritans (Pilgrims) with their love of God's Truth, were successful in establishing the first Christian Colonies in America truly the land of milk and honey.

Please see the MAYFLOWER COMPACT...

Mayflower Compact

In the name of God, amen. We, whose names are underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread sovereign lord King James, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, king, defender of the faith, &c. Having undertaken for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith, and the honor of our king and country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents, solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God and one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof do enact, constitute, and frame such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions, and officers, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the colony; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names at Cape Cod the eleventh of November, in the reign of our sovereign lord King James, of England, France, and Ireland, the eighteenth, and of Scotland, the fifty-fourth, anno Domini, 1620.¹

Mr. John Carver	Mr. Samuel Fuller	Mr. Edward Tilly
Mr. William Bradford	Mr. Christopher Martin	John Tilly
Mr. Edward Winslow	Mr. William Mullins	Francis Cooke
Mr. William Brewster	Mr. William White	Thomas Rogers
Isaac Allerton	Mr. Richard Warren	Thomas Tinker
Miles Standish	John Howland	John Ridgdale
John Alden	Mr. Steven Hopkins	Edward Fuller
John Turner	Digery Priest	Richard Clark
Francis Eaton	Thomas Williams	Richard Gardiner
James Chilton	Gilbert Winslow	Mr. John Allerton
John Craxton	Edmund Margesson	Thomas English
John Billington	Peter Brown	Edward Doten
Joses Fletcher	Richard Bitteridger	Edward Liester
John Goodman	George Soule	





April 2021



Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:45 a.m.

3rd Monday

BOARD MEETING
6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
7:00 a.m.

Tuesday

WOMEN'S
BIBLE STUDY
9:30 a.m.

Wednesday

AWANA
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

NIGHT SERVICE
6:30 p.m.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Greeters for April: <i>Randy & Amanda Hahn</i>				1 Praise Team practice	2 <i>Good Friday</i> PM Service	3 Elders' Prayer Time
4 <i>Resurrection Day</i> WORSHIP SERVICE	5	6 Men's AM Bible Study Women's Bible Study	7 AWANA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	8 Praise Team practice	9	10 Elders' Prayer Time
11 WORSHIP SERVICE <i>Sunday School</i>	12	13 Men's AM Bible Study Women's Bible Study Men's Monthly Night Bible Study	14 AWANA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	15 Praise Team practice	16	17 Men's Monthly Breakfast
18 WORSHIP SERVICE <i>Sunday School</i>	19 Board Meeting	20 Men's AM Bible Study Women's Bible Study	21 AWANA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	22 Praise Team practice	23	24 Elders' Prayer Time
25 WORSHIP SERVICE <i>Sunday School</i>	26	27 Men's AM Bible Study Women's Bible Study	28 AWANA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	29 Praise Team practice	30	



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

16th Michelle Doornbos

16th Bill Edwards

19th Joe Wagner

26th Rylee Sullivan-Tolhurst

26th Annie Mercer

April Anniversaries

25th Pete & Pam Alley



May 2021



	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:45 a.m.	Greeters for May: <i>Larry & June Frontjes</i>						1 All Church Clean Up
Monday LADIES AID BIBLE STUDY 1 st & 3 rd 10:00 a.m.	2 WORSHIP SERVICE <i>Sunday School</i>	3	4 Men's AM Bible Study Women's Bible Study	5 AWANA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	6 Praise Team practice	7	8 Elders' Prayer Time
3rd Monday BOARD MEETING 6:00 p.m.	9 <i>Mother's Day</i> WORSHIP SERVICE <i>No Sunday School</i>	10	11 Men's AM Bible Study Women's Bible Study Men's Monthly Night Bible Study	12 AWANA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	13 Praise Team practice	14	15 Men's Monthly Breakfast
Tuesday MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7:00 a.m.	16 WORSHIP SERVICE <i>Sunday School</i>	17 Board Meeting	18 Men's AM Bible Study Women's Bible Study	19 AWANA LAST NIGHT WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	20 Praise Team practice	21	22 Elders' Prayer Time
Tuesday WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30 a.m.	23 WORSHIP SERVICE <i>Sunday School</i>	24	25 Men's AM Bible Study Women's Bible Study	26 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	27 Praise Team practice	28	29 Elders' Prayer Time
Wednesday AWANA 6:00 P.M. NIGHT SERVICE 6:30 p.m.	30 WORSHIP SERVICE	31 <i>Memorial Day</i>					

May Anniversaries

16th Zak & Kathryn Carter
 29th Phil & Chris Rottman



May Birthdays

4 th Zak Carter	16 th Dave Rottier
9 th Hayden Cook	18 th Shelly Werner
11 th Shelley Cook	18 th Randy Hahn
11 th Brady Ruitter	19 th DaleAnn Dudeck
12 th Norita Cooley	23 rd Dustin Cross
13 th Frank Wilson	24 th Don Foust
16 th Penelope Minor	27 th Nancy Rottier

Items on this calendar are subject to change

*Thoughts
from
Brittany...*

- * Who is the real enemy, is it covid?
- * Is it Democrat versus Republican?
- * Is it one social media against another?

*Is it one church that decided to live in fear or is it the church who stood with God?

*Is it one media outlet over another media outlet?

With everything twisted no wonder our minds can become sick. The Bible says, "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil" but it also says this, a perfect reminder for the times, "we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places".

With our finite minds, we are attacking the wrong enemy. We are attacking the fallible government system, or are we upholding it in the highest esteem.

Each one has a problem, its not the person in control but the one who is controlling him. Jesus says: He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God but on the things of man". Our minds can easily become the breeding ground for harmful bacteria of the world, fear, doubt, discouragement, worry, anger can become like a virus if its not brought through the filter system of God. Set your mind on things above! For this world is wasting away.

Men of Woodville,

You have so many opportunities to gather together and study God's Word.

On the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm there is a Bible study that meets at the

Broken Wheel Ranch at 8467- 9 Mile Rd. Big Rapids.

Dinner is provided at 6:30 pm then the Bible study begins at 7 pm.

The third Saturday morning of every month at 8 am the men gather together for a breakfast and worship time with a different speaker each month. This takes place at The Two Hats Ranch or at Charity Baptist Church.

Then don't forget about Tuesday mornings at 7 am in the church basement there is a weekly Bible study.

Food For Thought...

BLT Pasta Salad



White Chicken Chili

4 boneless skinless chicken breast
2 cups low sodium chicken broth
1 can white kidney beans
1 can corn
1 can green chiles
1 teaspoon Tabasco Green Sauce
1 teaspoon chili powder
4 ounce cream cheese
1 tablespoon corn starch
1 tablespoon water

YIELDS:6

TOTAL TIME:0 HOURS 20 MINS

Ingredients

1 lb. pasta
2 tbsp. olive oil
1 red onion, sliced
Kosher salt and pepper
8 slices cooked bacon, chopped
1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
2 c. baby arugula

Directions

1.Cook pasta per package directions.
2.Meanwhile, heat oil in medium skillet on medium. Add onion and sauté until just tender. Transfer contents of skillet to large bowl.
3.When pasta is cooked, drain well and add to bowl with onion and 1/2 tsp each salt and pepper and toss to combine. Fold in bacon, tomatoes, and arugula.

EASY DOUBLE CHEDDAR CHEESEBURGER SLIDERS

YIELD: 4 TO 6

PREP TIME: 15 MINS

COOK TIME: 15 MINS

TOTAL TIME: 30 MINS



INGREDIENTS

- 1 loaf of 12-count slider buns, *such as brioche buns or hawaiian rolls*
- 1 pound of lean ground beef
- 3 tablespoons ketchup
- 2 tablespoons yellow mustard
- ¼ cup house sauce (*recipe below*)
- 4 slices sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 cup freshly grated white sharp cheddar cheese
- sprinkle of sesame seeds

HOUSE SAUCE

- ½ cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon yellow mustard
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon your favorite BBQ sauce

INSTRUCTIONS

- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.
- Slice the slab of slider rolls in half horizontally, keeping them attached as much as you can. Place the bottom of the rolls on a baking sheet.
- Heat a skillet over medium heat. Add the ground beef and cook until browned, breaking it apart into small crumbles. Stir in the ketchup and mustard until combined.
- Place the sliced sharp cheddar on the bottom layer of the slider buns. Top that with the ground beef mixture. Drizzle on the house sauce. Sprinkle with the shredded cheddar.
- Top with the slider buns. Brush with a touch of olive oil or butter and sprinkle with sesame seeds.
- Bake the sliders for 10 to 15 minutes, until the cheese is melty. Serve immediately with your favorite burger condiments and house sauce.

HOUSE SAUCE

- Whisk all ingredients together until
- smooth and combined. You can make
- this a day or so ahead of time!

"...A merry heart doeth good like medicine..."

PARKING AT CHURCH



ON EASTER

Make a Meme+

Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Compiled by Max Bowen



A mother invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied. "Just say what you hear mommy say," the woman answered.

The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

Bible Trivia...

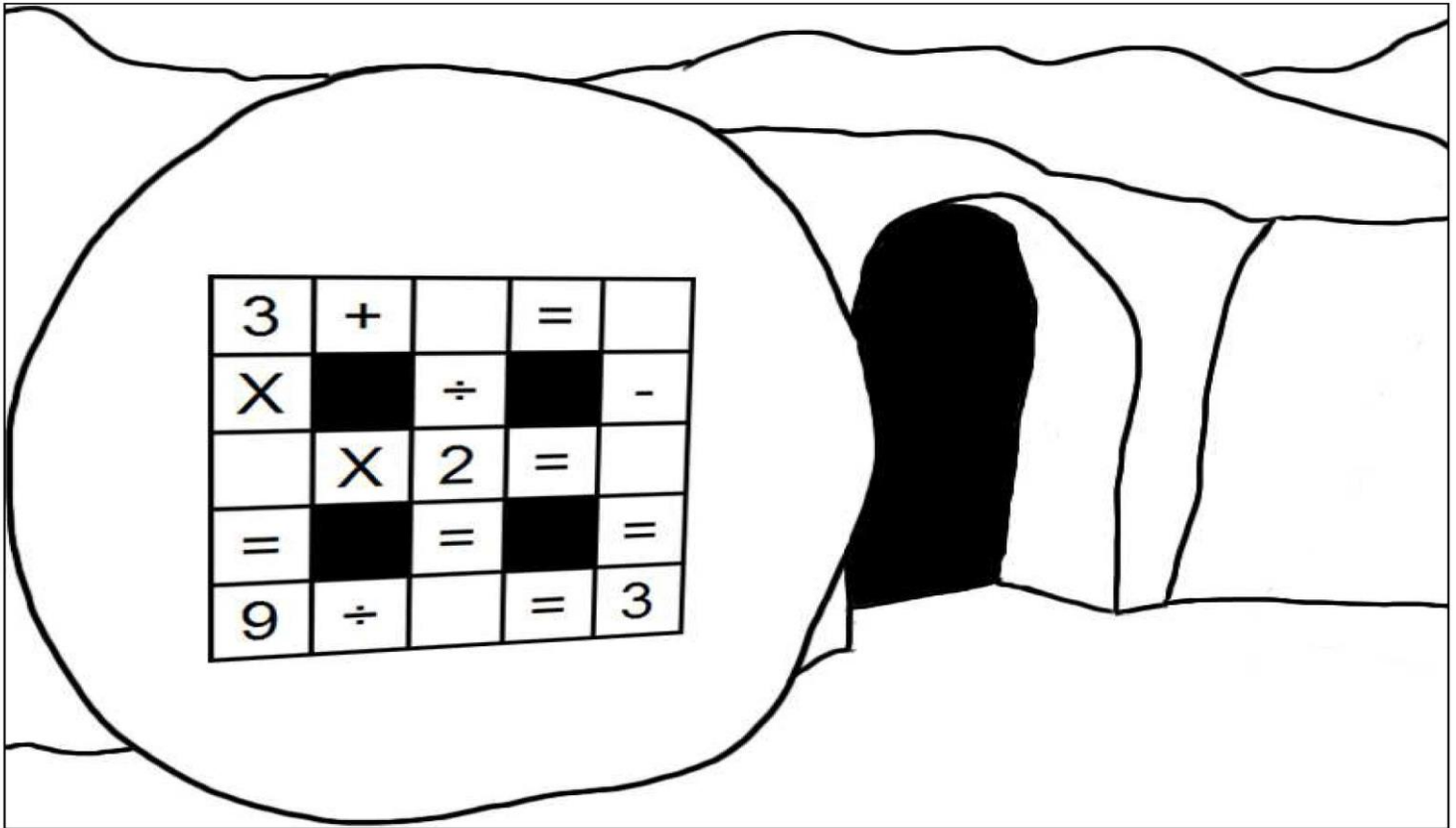
When does the book of Ruth take place?

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ACTIVITY PAGE

Jesus is Risen!

Complete the sums on the tomb stone...



... then find the hidden message from Luke 24 v 6



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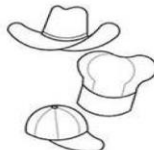
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Answer: At the time of Judges