



# MESSAGE NOTES

THE LOOP

## LESSONS OF KINDNESS FROM A GREAT MOTHER-IN-LAW

May 11, 2014 • Dr. David Self, Executive Pastor • Book of Ruth

- **Difficult circumstances make you bitter or \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*v. 1:5b*

**Kindness is not situational.**

- **One big \_\_\_\_\_ replaces many smaller ones.**  
*v. 1:19a*

**Kindness is not conditional.**

- Big decision by Elimelech (*v. 1:1b*)
  - Sometimes we get stuck in Moab
- Big decision by Naomi (*v. 1:7*)
  - Sometimes we need to move to a place of blessing
- Big decisions by Orpah/Ruth (*v. 1:16*)
  - Always we need to be guided by faith, hope and love

- **In matters of faith, go \_\_\_\_\_ or go home.**  
*v. 3:1*

**Kindness flows from the grace of God.**

- Boaz the \_\_\_\_\_  
*v. 4:10*
- Naomi the \_\_\_\_\_  
*v. 4:17*

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# WEEK AT A GLANCE

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## DECISIONS MAY 4, 2014

### Baptized

Kaitlin Gill

### From Other Fellowships

Arlene Clemmons

Gary Clemmons

### Salvation in Christ

Sara Farst

### By Statement

Jim Robertson

## ATTENDANCE MAY 4, 2014

Life Bible Study	4,530
Mission Bible Study	293
<b>Total Bible Study</b>	<b>4,823</b>

## SYMPATHIES

- Virgilio & Irma Chavez in the loss of her father

## GIVING — WEEK ENDING MAY 4, 2014

MISSION 1:8 Weekly Giving	\$772,173
MISSION 1:8 Weekly Goal	\$609,890
MISSION 1:8 Over/(Under) for May	\$162,283
Other Designated Giving	\$84,061
<b>MISSION 1:8 YTD</b>	<b>\$47,753,918</b>
(Giving to MISSION 1:8 is from Mar 2013-Feb 2015)	

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