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## HANDFUL OF PURPOSE

In the book of Ruth, there is a wonderful story of the grace of God. You read how Boaz told the reapers to leave some of the grain to be left along the edge of the fields so Ruth and Naomi could have food. In Ruth 2:16 you find a great statement of that, "And let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke her not." I love that phrase "the handfuls of purpose". What a lesson for all of us!

A couple of weeks ago I drove to Alabama to start a revival on Sunday morning. When I got there on Saturday night I went to a restaurant to eat supper. It was the very worst service I had ever experienced. I sat there for over twenty five minutes before the waitress came to my table to take my order. People were getting up and walking out. Finally I got my meal. I could tell that the waitress was having a hard time. When it came time to pay, I thought I can do what my flesh wanted me to do or to do what I know is right. When I signed the bill I gave her a twenty dollar tip. She began to cry and thank me. I said, "I saw you were having a tough day and I just wanted to bless you."

After the Monday evening service, I went back to that same restaurant. A different waitress waited on me. But the young waitress, Alex, who had waited on me that Saturday night saw me and came over to my table. I asked her if she was having a better day. She said yes she was. Then she began to tell me her story. She said she was twenty six years old and this was the first legitimate job she had ever had. She was serving time in a half-way house and was required to have this job. I asked her to sit down at my table. I asked her where she went to church. Then I asked her did she know that if she were to die she would go to heaven. She said "No". I shared with her the Gospel message of how to be saved. She called upon the Lord Jesus in repentance and faith. She was gloriously saved!

Since that time, the pastor and his wife have followed up with her, giving her a Bible and getting her to start attending their church.

**But the thing I learned is how important it is to leave a little handful of purpose along the way. Oh how important it is to share grace along the way. Find you an "Alex" and leave some handfuls of purpose. Who knows what will happen?**

## ETHIOPIAN VISION TRIP

Last week I made a quick trip to Ethiopia to prepare for a mission trip next summer, looking for new locations to minister. I was on the ground in Ethiopia for five days. We went further back into the jungle area. God moved in a powerful way with over 7100 people trusting Christ in Salvation. WOW!!! I am tired but God is good!! It has been **three** weeks since I have been home.

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I want to personally invite you to join me as I lead a group to the Holy Land. As I shared last month I will be leading a group for ten days, March 19, 2018 through March 28, 2018, going with Templeton Tours. (They take care of all the details so you can experience the land of the Bible through sights and sounds.) Please contact us for more information and let us know as soon as possible so we can finalize plans.



Jerusalem from Mt of Olives



Experience Baptism in Jordan River

Some of the places we will visit:  
Casearea, Mount Carmel, Nazareth, Joppa,  
Boat ride across the Sea of Galilee,  
Northern Israel, Gather on the Mount of  
Beatitudes to read sermon on the mount,  
stop on Jordan River for Baptismal service.  
Visit the excavations where Philistines  
hung bodies of Saul & Jonathan, Jordan  
Valley to Jericho, Dead Sea, Fortress of  
Masada, Old Jericho Road and Jerusalem,  
Bethabara where children of Israel crossed  
over into Promised Land and where John  
the Baptist baptized. Walk through the city  
of Jerusalem to walk where Jesus walked.  
Garden of Gethsemane and pool of Siloam.  
So many more stops as you can see on  
brochure. End trip with visit to Calvary and  
Garden Tomb and share in Lord's Supper.



Boat ride across the Sea of Galilee



The Tomb in Jerusalem