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# **Mother's Day 2023**

## **Handfuls On Purpose Book of Ruth**

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<sup>8</sup> Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Heardest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens: <sup>9</sup> *Let* thine eyes *be* on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of *that* which the young men have drawn. <sup>10</sup> Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I *am* a stranger? <sup>11</sup> And Boaz answered and said unto her, **It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and *how* thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore.** <sup>12</sup> The **LORD recompense thy work**, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust. <sup>13</sup> Then she said, Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidens. <sup>14</sup> And Boaz said unto her, At mealtime come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched *corn*, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left. <sup>15</sup> And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not: <sup>16</sup> And let fall also *some* of the **handfuls of purpose** for her, and leave *them*, that she may glean *them*, and rebuke her not. **Ruth 2:8-16 (KJV)**







# Handfuls on Purpose

God was About to Teach Ruth...  
... a Valuable Lesson

And Every Mother Here Today

You Do What You Can Do...  
Trust God to Do What You Can't Do





## **Hey Mothers**

- **Have You Ever Felt Overwhelmed By Life's Challenges**
  - **Wrong Place At Wrong Time**
  - **Wrong Connections**
  - **Wrong Background**
- **Your Life Questions Are Crowded with ...  
“What Ifs?” and “Shoulda Coulda Woulda’s”**



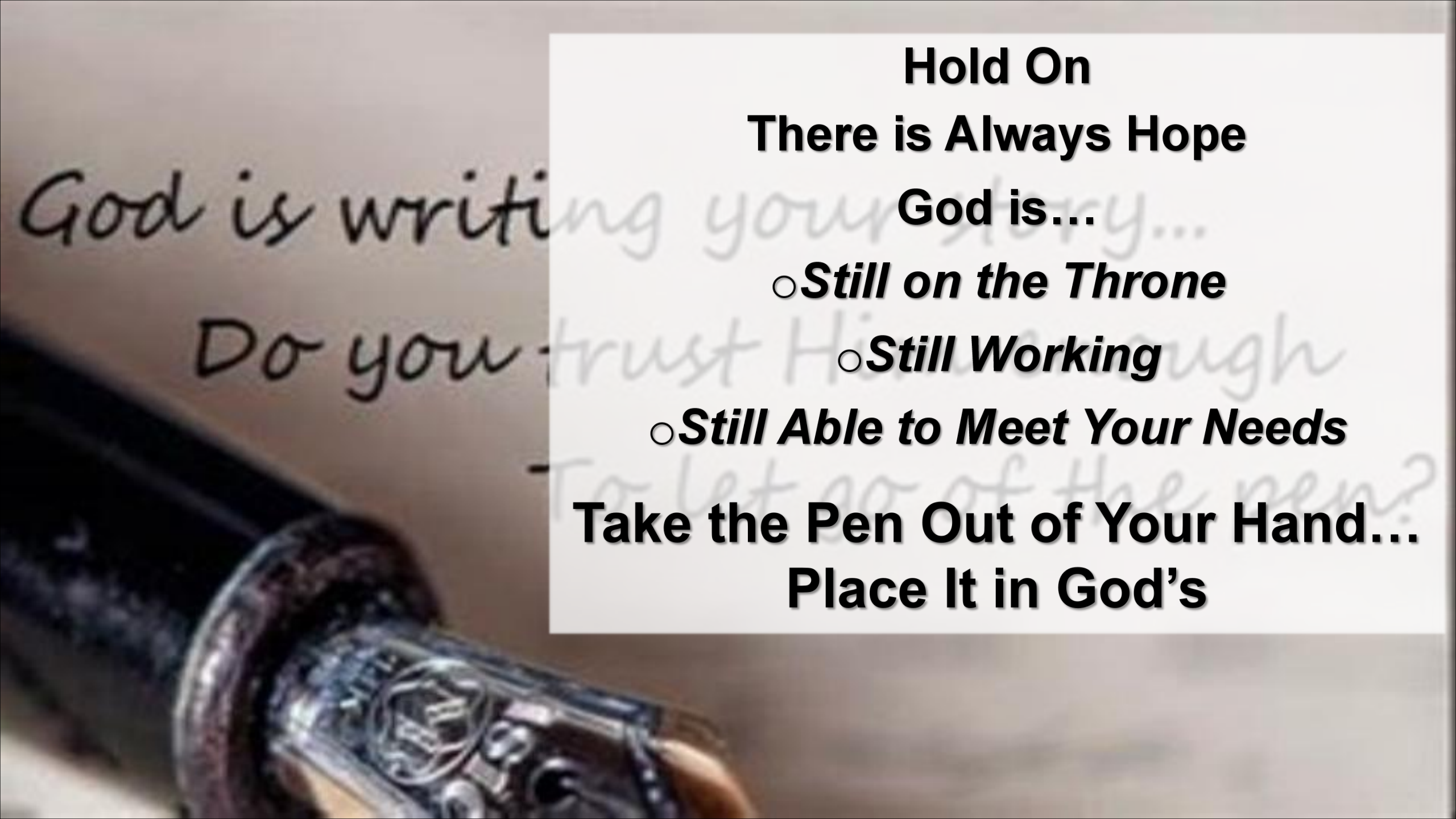
God is writing your story...

Do you trust Him enough

To let go of the pen?







**Hold On**

**There is Always Hope**

**God is...**

○ ***Still on the Throne***

○ ***Still Working***

○ ***Still Able to Meet Your Needs***

**Take the Pen Out of Your Hand...**

**Place It in God's**




# Ruth

FOR WHERE YOU GO, I WILL GO

RUTH 1:16

# Lessons From Ruth Encouragement for **ALL MOTHERS**

A hand holding a bundle of wheat stalks over a dark surface with the word 'Ruth' written in cursive.

*Ruth*

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RUTH 1:16



A person with long dark hair, wearing a red and blue plaid shirt, is leaning their arms on a dark, horizontal wooden railing. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with green foliage and a hint of a sunset or sunrise sky. Overlaid on the railing is a large, white, handwritten-style quote. The word 'past' is highlighted in a teal-colored box.

Don't let  
your **past** define you



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## #1- Don't Let Your Past Define You

- **Rough Start (1:4)**

- *Moabite*

- **Hope Came (1:4)**

- *Married Godly Man*

- **Hope Snatched (1:5)**

- *Husband Died*

Sometimes  
you face difficulties  
not because  
you're doing something  
wrong,  
but because you're doing  
something right.





**#1- Don't Let Your Past Define You**

**#2- Do Let Your Present Difficulties' Develop You**

- **Bad Place (1:8-9)**

- **Chose Not to Stay There (1:14-15)**

- **Entreat Me Not to Leave You (1:16)**

**Ruth 1:16 (KJV)**

*And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:*

**To the Mom who is  
Feeling Defeated...**  
*You are not alone!*





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**#3- Don't Be Discouraged If Your Fresh Beginnings**

- **Aren't So Fresh (2:1-2)**

  - *Gleaned Fields*

- **Takes Time (2:3-5)**

- **Takes Trust (2:6-20)**

- **There Was One Who Could Stop It All... (3:12)**

**But Legal Kinsman Didn't Want to Redeem Her (4:1-7)**



“For I know the **PLANS**  
I have for you”  
declares the **LORD**  
“plans to **PROSPER** you  
and not to harm you,  
plans to give you  
**HOPE** and a  
**FUTURE.**”

Jeremiah 29:11

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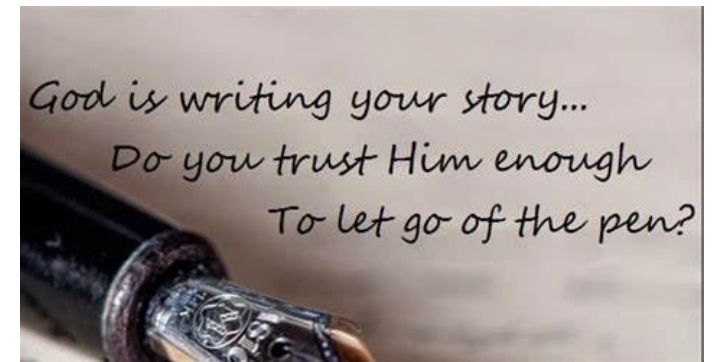
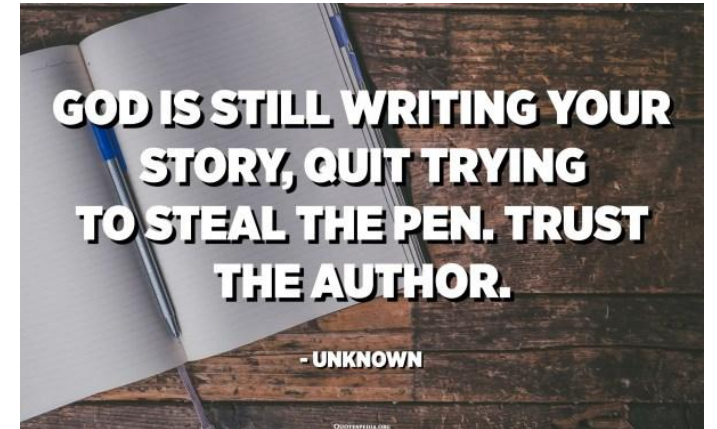
**Jeremiah 29:11 (MSG)**

I know what I'm doing.

I have it all planned  
out —plans to take care  
of you, not abandon you,  
plans to give you the  
future you hope for.

**Jeremiah 29:11**





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- **Salmon Begat Boaz –(Rahab)**
- **Boaz begat Obed –(Ruth)**
- **Obed Begat Jesse**
- **Jesse Begat David**
- **Jesus Called the Son of David**









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