

# Sermon Outline

**GOD COMES TO THE AID | Bernie Leo**

**Bible reading:** Ruth 1:1-22 (Page 374)

## 1. (Not so) Happy New Year?

### 2. Rejecting God's aid

- a. When judges ruled

<sup>24</sup>At that time the Israelites left that place and went home to their tribes and clans, each to his own inheritance. <sup>25</sup>In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit.  
*Judges 21:24-25*

- b. Bethlehem to Moab (verse 1)
- c. Left without husband and sons (verses 2-5)
- d. A world in rejection of God

### 3. Responding to God's aid

- a. Aid from the Lord (verses 6-7)
- b. Naomi's love (verses 8-14)
- c. Ruth's devotion (verses 15-18)
- d. Naomi's complaint (verses 19-22)

### 4. Jesus comes to the aid

<sup>23</sup>When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."  
<sup>25</sup>For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. *1 Peter 2:23-25*

## 5. Trusting in God today

- a. Trust in Jesus
  
- b. In the midst of loss
  
- c. Thank God for his provision

**For reflection:** spend some time bringing your burdens to Jesus in prayer.