

08.23.09 Happy Days & Everlasting Joy

- “The problem is with our blessing-based, happiness-centered understanding of goodness. It is too small. And with our small idea of goodness, we dream small dreams, and small dreams lead to small prayers.” —Larry Crabb
- REVIEW:
  - God SOVEREIGNLY uses EVERYTHING!
  - God GRACIOUSLY uses US!
- ALIGNMENT:
  - His Purposes are HIGH!
  - His Purposes are ETERNAL!
- RUTH 4:14-16—
  - "Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel. He shall be a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her lap and became his nurse."
- GENESIS 48:11—
  - "And Israel (Jacob) said to Joseph, "I never expected to see your face; and behold, God has let me see your offspring."
- GENESIS 50:24—
  - "I am about to die, but God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of the land to the land He promised..."
- RUTH 2:20—
  - "Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed of the Lord who has not forsaken the living or the dead."
- RUTH 4:17—
  - "He was the father of Jesse, the father of David."
- REPENT:
  - Stop ASSUMING- Start FOLLOWING!
  - Stop JUSTIFYING- Start OBEYING!