

Sooner or later, we are all faced with life changing circumstances. These are the times when the normal comes to a screeching halt, when decisions are not easy, and when drawing close to God becomes our immediate focus. We tend to slow down, knowing that what we do next will have long lasting consequences. In decisions big and small, our faithfulness to God causes a ripple effect that not only influences the present, but generations to come. As is noted in Ruth 4:13-17, Ruth is an example of faithful service to God and her people, and her decisions allowed her to then become part of the lineage of the family tree of David and ultimately the family of Jesus Christ.

If you can, imagine a stone being thrown into a still pond as it creates that beautiful ripple. Imagine that pebble may be the decisions you make, the blessings you share, your acts of sharing and caring, or when you selflessly put others first. But the ripple effect is the impact your actions have on others who receive what you are willing to share and then in turn, they share that love with others. It may seem like a small thing at the time, but the ripple effect spreads the love in exponential ways.

A ripple effect also includes a reflection. Perhaps that reflection is Gods way of communicating with us. God plans beyond what we could even dream to imagine or ask. And His power lives in us! That's reason enough to live by faith, trusting Jesus to guide us each step of the way. Through Him, our faithfulness will be an eternal ripple. In prayer, "Lord do what you need to do in me so You can do what You want to do through me".

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