

## HOW GOD WORKS

### Ruth 4:17-22

#### I. **God works in dark and difficult times.**

Isaiah 45:3: **I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places**, that you may know that I, the Lord, who call you by your name, am the God of Israel.

Micah 7:8: Do not rejoice over me, my enemy; when I fall, I will arise; when I sit in darkness, **the Lord will be a light to me.**

#### II. **God works in His people's simple obedience.**

Galatians 2:20: **I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;** and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Proverbs 15:33: The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom, and **before honor is humility.**

#### III. **God works in the mundane events of life.**

Luke 2:1-5: And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus **that all the world should be registered.** This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. **Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David,** which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.

Acts 13:36-37: For David, **after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep,** was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption; but He whom God raised up saw no corruption.

#### IV. **God works in all things to work out His will.**

Isaiah 46:9-10: Remember the former things of old, **for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me,** declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, **'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,'**

Matthew 1:1-6a: The book of **the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David,** the Son of Abraham: Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. **Judah begot Perez** and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. **Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David the king.**