

THE SALVATION ARMY HADLEIGH TEMPLE

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT –21ST OCTOBER 2020

AS EXPECTED, MORE RESTRICTION HAS BEEN ADDED TO THIS TIME OF UNCERTAINTY WHICH WILL RESULT IN FURTHER CONCERNS AND ANXIETIES FOR MANY. THESE TIMES ARE NOT UNKNOWN THROUGHOUT HISTORY, AND DESPITE MANY SETBACKS AND INDIVIDUALS SHOWING COURAGE, THE FINAL OUTCOMES WOULD BE VERY DIFFERENT.

ONE SUCH TIME WAS WHEN A FAMINE WAS IN THE LAND OF MOAB, THE HUSBAND AND SONS OF NAOMI DIED, SHE DECIDED TO RETURN TO HER LAND OF JUDAH LEAVING HER TWO DAUGHTERS IN LAW BEHIND. THE STORY IS OUTLINED IN THE BOOK OF RUTH IN THE OLD TESTAMENT. WE KNOW HOWEVER RUTH DECDED TO TRAVEL WITH NAOMI TO JUDAH, THIS COULD NOT HAVE BEEN EASY AS SHE WOULD BE LEAVING HER COUNTRY AND FAMILY BEHIND AND HEADING FOR A NEW UNKNOWN COUNTRY OUT OF LOVE FOR HER MOTHER IN LAW.

NAOMI BEGAN THAT JOURNEY IN FAITH FOLLOWING THE LEADING OF THE LORD, ACCOMPANIED BY RUTH. IN DUE COURSE WE KNOW THAT RUTH REMARRIED BOAZ AND THEIR DESCENDANTS GAVE BIRTH TO KING DAVID AND EVENTUALLY JESUS THE SON OF GOD.

IN HIS BOOK 'UNEXPECTED JOURNEYS' EDDIE ASKEW QUOTES FROM MARK TULLY ABOUT LIFE THE FOLLOWING WORDS-

“THE JOURNEY IS ABOUT RISK AND DISCOVERY, CALL AND RESPONSE, LOSS AND TRANSFORMATION. IT EMBRACES AND ENTWINES OUR INNER AND OUTER REALITY, THE SPIRITUAL AND THE PHYSICAL, THE SOLITARY AND THE SHARED.”

AT THE JOURNEYS END? WE SHALL NOT KNOW UNTIL WE GET THERE, BUT WE ARE PROMISED THAT IT WILL BE GOOD. IN TIME MAY THIS BE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND ABLE TO SAY 'IT'S BEEN AN INTERESTING JOURNEY' LORD.

MAY YOU GO IN PEACE ALWAYS.

KEEP SAFE AND KEEP WELL IN SPIRIT.

GOD BLESS

LOUISE