**Ru 1 / Mt 2**

**Main theme: Return to seek the Lord, deny everything and follow forever, and bitterness turns to true blessings**

**-Follow the Lord / Seek the Lord**

Golden verses: Ru 1:16-17 Mt 2:10-11

The theme of this book concerned the example of the following of Ruth. It recorded an unworthy Gentile lady Ruth who denied everything and decided to follow the suffering mother-in-law and was thus favored. She had a share in God's plan and the genealogy of Jesus Christ. She became the great grandmother of David and prepared for the kingdom of David. The theme of the two chapters concerned following and seeking the Lord. On one side it concerned Ruth, a Moabite lady was determined to follow and swore not to leave her mother-in-law because of her love for her despite hopelessness and tests. On the other side it concerned Joseph, Mary and the few wise men were godly and loved the Lord. They sought and obeyed God's will at all costs. While King Herod, the chief priests, the teachers of the law and Orpah were the same. They went near to the Lord with their mouth but their hearts were far from Him and were self-centered.

**A. Seek and follow the Lord verses forsake and harm the Lord**

Follow (Ru 1:1-14) – Seek (Mt 2:1-12)

1.【Do not seek the Lord】1-5 In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. Elimelech (my God is King) did not enjoy the safe pasture. He did not seek God. But he brought his whole family away from Bethlehem (house of bread) of Judah by his own eyes and the situation of the environment. They went to Moab and lived there. As a result, the family was ruined. He himself and the two sons died in the foreign land leaving behind the lonely Naomi with two young widows who were Moabites, Orpah (fawn) and Ruth (beauty).

※【Come purposely to worship the Lord】1-3 The Savior of mankind Jesus Christ, the Word became flesh and came to the world for us. There were some magi from the east who were godly and loved God. They saw His star and came specially to worship Him. When they came to Jerusalem, they asked where the Christ was to be born. Herod exalted himself as king. So he was disturbed when he heard this and all Jerusalem with him. As a people of Judah, Elimelech also did not exalt God as king. He easily brought the whole family left their possession. He did not inquire of God and went down to Moab. He did not have peace and lost everything in the end.

2.【The trial of following】6-13 In the lonely predicament, Naomi heard God came to the aid of His people by providing food for them. So she brought the two daughters-in-law back to the land of Judah. Faced with the difficult path and livelihood, she could not but hurry them away to their family and search for another husband. The two daughters-in-law wept. They were faced with the test of their future. It was a critical moment for them and they had to make an important decision for their life.

※【Follow the leading o(f the star】4-9 The chief priests and the teachers of the law knew very well of the prophets and the law. Though they knew where Christ Jesus would come from (Mic 5:2), they did not have the faith to believe it and they did not have the intention to seek the Lord. Herod pretended to inquire for he had other intention to injure the Lord. Only the magi wanted to go and worship the Lord honestly. After they had left Jerusalem, the star in the east suddenly appeared and led them to the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. The two daughters-in-law had to make a choice whether to follow the mother-in-law. This was not by the knowledge in the head but had to go through trials to follow every step like the magi who followed step by step. Then they would be led to the destination. (1 Jn 2:27)

3.【To kiss good-by】14 To follow Naomi was a bitter road and a narrow road. It was a lonely path and a poor path which had to be tested. Again Naomi expedited them to go back and they wept again. Orpah already had her own plan, ideal and future. She flatly kissed her mother-in-law good-by. But Ruth loved her mother-in-law and was unwilling to leave her. She could not bear to abandon her and depart. Despite the sister-in-law left, she still followed closely without leaving.

※【Present the most precious to the Lord】10-12 After long hours of travel, the magi finally came to Bethlehem and saw the baby. They bowed down to worship and opened their treasures. They presented the gifts of gold, incense and myrrh. They presented all their beloved and the most precious to the Lord. Orpah was pretentious. Her most loved was not the mother-in-law but the joy of her family and the new husband. Only Ruth and the magi truly loved the Lord. They would seek the Lord and follow Him at all costs. The love that they sacrificed was far more than the gold and the incense!

**B. Determine to follow and suffer to obey the will**

Determine (Ru 1:15-22) – Obey the will (Mt 2:13-23)

1.【Determine to follow】15-18 The departure of Orpah was a greater challenge to Ruth. Again the mother-in-law hurried her back home like her sister-in-law. But Ruth was determined in oath to set her will to follow her mother-in-law till the end. She loved her more than everything. She acknowledged the God of her mother-in-law was her God and the people of her mother-in-law her people till the end without departing. When her mother-in-law saw she was so determined, she stopped urging her.

※【Suffer to obey the will】13-15 Joseph was instructed by God in his dream. So he brought the little child and his mother to escape to Egypt to hide from the killing by Herod. Joseph silently loved God and obeyed His will. He was willing to suffer. He had the intention like Ruth to follow the suffering mother-in-law which was very precious. They were willing to obey God’s will at the expense of everything and to endure the disgrace, misunderstanding and disdain of man.

2.【Walk the same path】19-22 Therefore the mother and daughter-in-law went together. Though the path of the cross was bitter and yet sweet. Naomi (sweet) had gone through great suffering all her life. Now she had returned with her beloved daughter-in-law. She was full of joy! After she returned, she rejoiced to see the big harvest. It was the beginning of the barley harvest in the land of Judah. Ruth and her mother-in-law suffered together and they also enjoyed the joy of the harvest.

※【By led by every step】16-23 The Magi were warned by God in their dream not to go back to see King Herod. They truly exalted God in every move and God was delighted. They returned to their country by another route happily. Naomi also brought Ruth together full of faith and joy back to Judah peacefully by the will of God. Herod was furious when he did not see the Magi returned. He ordered men to kill all the boys who were two years old and under. The innocent children died for the Lord. They had a share in the glory of God’s kingdom. (Rev 1:9) Ruth who forsook everything to follow the suffering mother-in-law was also remembered forever by God. After Herod died, Joseph was instructed by God to bring back the child to the land of Israel. Joseph, Mary and Ruth all walked with the Lord and were led in every step. Finally they saw God’s will got through and the ruin of Satan’s scheme.

**Ps 13 / Rev 11:2 Main theme: There is a period for suffering, pray watchfully and obey the Word will be richly blessed**

**-There is a period / Rich blessing**

(1)【There is a period for suffering】1-2 When darkness reigns and the saints are trampled, do not fall due to the Lord. We ought to remember firmly the Lord never forgets us. There is a period for suffering. This is where the faith and the endurance of the saints lie.

(2)【Pray to be watchful and strengthened】3-4 If we sleep and fall, we will fail and be disgraced.

(3)【Trust in God's unfailing love】5-6 Obey the Word by God and endure till the end, and we will rejoice for God has been good to us.

**Central point of the wheels: Seek and follow the Lord, and be watchful to keep the Word**

Dear Lord, may You let me follow your suffering path forever, be watchful without weary and sacrifice everything to follow You till the end!

**Ru 2 / Mt 3**

**Main theme: Be humble and diligent, bold to warn and lead men to righteousness**

**-Be humble / Be bold (diligent / preach the Word)**

Golden verses: Ru 2:17-18 Mt 3:16

A discussion on being humble and being bold – on one side it concerned Ruth followed silently. She humbled to act righteously. She worked diligently and honored the mother-in-law in everything. Thus she was praised and blessed by Boaz. On the other side it concerned John came out to preach. He was courageous to rebuke the sinful. He exalted Christ and led men to repent. It also concerned the good example of Jesus' humility and obedience. We ought to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God!

**A. Obey God's will, work diligently and be bold to preach the Word**

Pick up the grain (Ru 2:1-13) – Preach the Word (Mt 3:1-10)

1.【Be humble and diligent to work】1-3 Ruth followed the suffering mother-in-law. She worked diligently. She cared for her and sustained her. In all her move she did not do by herself. (Col 3:17) She would first inquire of her mother-in-law before she did anything. She humbled to go behind others to pick the leftover grain diligently. She was led by God and incidentally came to the field of the clan belonging to Boaz. (Ro 12:11)

※【Obey God's will to work】1-3 John the Baptist also did not act by himself. He obeyed God’s will and came out to preach just like Ruth honored her mother-in-law in every move. John called out in the desert and proclaimed the Word ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.’ This fulfilled the prophecy of the prophet to prepare the way for the Lord and lead men to accept Christ. Therefore it is not a matter of how much work but to do it in the will of God and work in the field of Boaz.

2.【A good witness】4-7 Boaz just came to the field. The foreman of his harvesters commended to Boaz of this Moabite woman Ruth, how she abandoned everything to follow Naomi to come back and the witness how she worked diligently and humbled in obedience.

※【A suffering witness】4 John lived in the desert. He ate locusts and wild honey. His clothes were made of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist. He suffered to proclaim the Word. He courageously rebuked sins for the truth filled with power. The Holy Spirit personally witnessed for him. Similarly, the servants also witnessed for Ruth.

3.【Full of praise and comfort】8-13 All the actions of Ruth in loving her mother-in-law were remembered and praised by Boaz. A foreign woman who came to take refuge under the wings of the God of Israel would be richly rewarded by Him! The more Ruth was humble, the more she was favored. She acknowledged the grace and was grateful. She bowed down before Boaz with her face to the ground and understood she did not have the standing of one of his servant girls, but she was much favored.

※【Hard to escape God's anger】5-10 John severely rebuked those hypocritical Pharisees and Sadducees as brood of vipers. If they did not repent, they could not flee from the wrath of God. Though Ruth was a foreign woman, she betrayed her own god and nation and produced fruit of repentance. But those people were ungrateful and self-deceptive. They thought they were the descendants of Abraham. However if they did not repent, they would be cut down. On one side was unworthy but favored and full of comfort. On the other side was stubborn and self-deceptive and bore the wrath.

**B. Honor the mother-in-law and exalt Christ**

Dwell together (Ru 2:14-23) – God is pleased (Mt 3:11-17)

1.【Do not forget the mother-in-law】14-20 At mealtime, Ruth was well cared by Boaz. After the meal she continued to pick the grain diligently without slacking off. Boaz ordered the servant to pull out some stalks for her from the bundles and leave them for her to pick up. In the path of following, the farther Ruth ran, the broader the way and the more abundance with blessings upon blessings. In her grace she did not forget the mother-in-law. She threshed the barley to about an ephah and brought back to enjoy with her. She also told everything to her mother-in-law, to comfort her and satisfy her! (SS 7:12-13)

※【Exalt Christ】11-12 John preached the Word and clearly told the people that after him would come one who was more powerful than him. He exalted and witnessed Christ all his life. He humbled and hid himself. (Jn 3:30) Ruth humbled in grace. She acknowledged her grace and was grateful. She did not forget the mother-in-law. She brought all the abundance and glory to her. John witnessed Christ would baptize men with the Holy Spirit and with fire and He had the power to judge. We ought to work humbly and solicitously like Ruth and John, full of the power of the Holy Spirit. We also have to reap the harvest quickly and save men to flee from the coming judgment and to satisfy the Lord’s heart!

2.【Dwell with the Lord】21-23 Ruth listened to her mother-in-law’s order to stay with the servants of Boaz that was the footpath of the flock. She picked up her grain only to go after God’s will and not to work in others’ field. (SS 1:8) Ruth returned from her work and continued to live with her mother-in-law. She did not take her work and its effect as her satisfaction but she delighted in the Lord. (Isa 41:16)

※【Delighted by God】13-17 Jesus the son of God was such humble and righteous. He accepted the baptism of John. When He went up out of the water, heaven was opened. The Spirit of God descended like a dove and lighted on Him and He was anointed. (Isa 61:1) God’s mind was fully satisfied and called Him his Son, whom He loved and with Him He was well pleased. (Isa 42:1) Ruth humbled and acted righteously. She was satisfied by living with the mother-in-law which was God’s delight.

**Ps 14 / Rev 11:3 Main theme: Seek the Word and do good, grab the chance to preach the Word and save the captives**

**-Save men / Preach the Word**

(1)【Men's heart are foolish and against God】1-4 In this vile age, men’s heart are presumptuous and godless. Their deeds are vile and no one does good. They persecute and devour God’s people.

(2)【Trust in God and preach the Word to save the captives】5-7 God’s children ought to grab the limited time to seek the Word and do good. We ought to understand God’s mind to pray and preach the Word, to save the captives by God and comfort the Lord’s heart. Those who sow in tears with love and truth will reap in joy.

**Central point of the wheels: Be humble, diligent and suffer to preach the Word**

Dear Lord, I am willing to be humble and diligent all my life, to suffer under your will to preach and repay your rich blessings!

**Ru 3 / Mt 4**

**Main theme: See accurately and pray watchfully, be steadfast to the truth and preach widely by grace**

**-Through tests / Overcome tests**

Golden verses: Ru 3:18 Mt 4:4

A discussion on going through the tests and overcoming the tests – on one side it concerned Ruth was completely obedient after the tests. She was consecrated thoroughly and pursued in advance, and was given precious promises. She was married to Boaz. She waited in peace and God accomplished for her. On the other side it concerned Jesus kept God's words after three tests from the devil. He triumphed completely and became the great light in darkness. Today God is still seeking for men who are completely obedient to keep the Word to accomplish His great mission to save men. Boaz represented the glorious Christ.

**A. To break and obey the command, aim correctly to pursue and obey the Word to triumph**

Trial (Ru 3:1-9) – Test (Mt 4:1-11)

1.【Through trial】1-5 Naomi wanted to find a home for her beloved Ruth. But she had to through trial and be completely attentive. Naomi ordered her to go down to the threshing floor and beg Boaz to redeem her as he was her near of kin. (Num 27:8-11) The Lord’s order seems hard to obey. But if we listen completely, we will be greatly blessed. So she washed and perfumed herself, purified and renewed herself. She was alert in the late night. She identified the objective and noted the place where Boaz lied. Then she had to rest and unite with him to wait for the dark to pass away.

※【Through tests】1-4 Before Jesus came out to preach, He had to go through the tests of the devil to help those who were being tempted (Heb 2:18; 4:15) in order to leave a victorious example for us. After the Lord was filled by the Holy Spirit, He was tempted in the desert. He prayed in fasting and valued God’s words more than bread. He preferred to go hungry to overcome the temptation and triumph over the devil. Before Ruth was favored, she was also tested. Whatever the mother-in-law ordered, she obeyed resolutely.

2.【Obey to rest】6-9 Ruth obeyed to go down the threshing floor and pursued to advance. She made every effort to enter the rest of the Lord. Until late in the night Boaz suddenly awoke. Ruth begged for his protection, ‘since you are a kinsman-redeemer’. Ruth rested completely under the corner of Boaz’s garment. She obeyed to wait till the end. The Lord’s promise is far beyond what we ask.

※【Keep the Word and overcome】5-11 The devil changed the words in the Scripture to test the Lord. But He noted God’s words and was not deceived. The devil then used the splendor of the world to lure and confuse Him. But the Lord was steadfast in loving God. He denied Himself to keep the Word and overcame. Ruth kept the order of the mother-in-law to break herself. She waited in rest and united with Boaz. She also obeyed and overcame.

**B. Through trial and is greatly blessed, overcome and become the great light**

Wait (Ru 3:10-18) – Follow (Mt 4:12-25)

1.【Is blessed after the trial】10-13 Ruth was tested and fully obedient. She was greatly blessed before Boaz. She was promised the kindness was greater than that which she showed earlier. She had not run after the younger men, whether rich or poor, but she took Boaz as her near of kin. Therefore she was not afraid but rested for Boaz would fulfill what was promised.

※【Become the great light after overcoming】12-16 Jesus overcame the temptation of the devil so as to sympathize and bear our weaknesses and to help us in our time of need. (Heb 4:15-16) He came out to work so those living in the land of darkness and the shadows of death might see the light. Ruth had gone through the test. She obeyed completely and was blessed by God. Her light still shines till today.

2.【Far exceeds the request】14-15 The Lord’s promise would be fulfilled. Ruth trusted and obeyed to lie until morning. She rested and saw God’s glory! Boaz told Ruth to hold out the shawl and gave her six measures of barley. Then he helped her to put it on her shoulder so she became abundant. She returned home with a full load far exceeding her request. (1 Co 2:9) The life of Ruth entered abundance. She gained the Lord and gained everything!

※【Be fishers of men】17-22 From then on Jesus preached the Word. He also made some calling of the disciples beside the sea so they might become fishers of men. They responded to the Lord’s calling and immediately left everything to follow Jesus. Ruth casted away everything to follow the suffering mother-in-law and enjoyed the abundance of Boaz. The disciples denied themselves to follow the Lord. He promised them to be fishers of men just like Ruth gained six measures of barley from Boaz. Those who follow the Lord will receive a hundred times as much in this present age and to inherit eternal life in the age to come! God promised to prepare for those who love Him – no eye has seen, no ear has heard and no mind has conceived! (1 Co 2:9) If we are like Ruth who obeyed and followed unconditionally, we will receive the fullness of His grace and truth of God in Christ. (Jn 1:14, 16)

3.【Sit in peace and wait】16-18 Ruth returned in abundance. When she saw her mother-in-law, she told her of God’s grace. She was grateful and she glorified God. She acknowledged apart from God she had no good thing. The abundance was within Boaz. Then the mother-in-law told her to wait. Boaz would not rest until the matter was settled.

※【Preach the Word everywhere】23-25 Jesus went throughout Galilee to teach the people. He healed the sick, the demon-possessed and various kinds of diseases. Many were favored and they came from various places to follow Him. Therefore, whether it is work or wait, we ought to do it by God’s will like Ruth who waited in rest under God’s will. We also have to imitate the Lord to be busy at work in God’s will. Thus, wisdom is proved right by her actions. (Mt 11:19)

**Ps 15 / Rev 11:4 Main theme: Stand before the Lord if righteous and perfect, and all people are blessed**

**-Holy and good / The lampstand**

(1)【Be righteous, perfect and dwell with the Lord】1-5 Pursue righteousness, honesty, good, godliness, perfection, hate evil and love good; do not covet ill-gotten gain or accept bribery. Then our spirit may ascend to the peak and dwell with the Lord.

(2)【To stand before the Lord and all people are blessed】Be in one heart with the Lord, grab the word of God to cry for all the people and preach to them so the Lord’s ways mays be known on earth and His salvation among all nation; and be the lampstand to shine in this age.

**Central point of the wheels: Through tests He becomes the great light, is righteous and prays extensively to save men**

Dear Lord, may You let me dwell in the holy mountain forever and unite with You, obey the Word and overcome, shine to save men and glorify your name!

**Ru 4 / Mt 5**

**Main theme: Be humble to take lesson, be redeemed by the Lord and walk His Way to be blessed**

**-Be redeemed / Be perfect**

Golden verses: Ru 4:14-15 Mt 5:48

A discussion on redemption and perfection – on one side it concerned Ruth was favored to be redeemed. This was accomplished all because of Boaz who represented Christ who has become our wisdom, righteousness, holiness and redemption. (1 Co 1:30) God's righteousness is exhibited apart from law. On the other side it concerned the Lord's coming was to complete the law so we might walk the Way by grace, be humble to take lesson and overcome evil with good and surely be blessed. This teaches us we ought to understand the corruption of our old self that there is no goodness. We cannot walk the Way just like the kinsman-redeemer. We need Christ's complete redemption so there is nothing we can boast!

**A. Be humble to take lesson, be redeemed by the Lord, walk the Way and be blessed**

Be wayward (Ru 4:1-12) – Walk the Way (Mt 5:1-26)

1.【Cannot walk the Way】1-7 Ruth still had a kinsman-redeemer closer in line with Boaz. He promised to redeem the property of his brother. But he was unwilling when he knew he had to acquire Ruth the dead man’s widow in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property because it hindered his own property. This represented the law for what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature. This also represented the old self that could preach but did not practice. (Ro 7:18; 8:3) Thus he became the shameful Family of the unsandaled as he forsook the Word of God. (Deu 25:5-10)

※【Walk the Way by grace】1-16 Jesus bestowed the profound meaning of the sermon on the Mount. Blessed are those who are poor in spirit and mourn, hunger and thirst for righteousness, meek and merciful and be persecuted because of righteousness. We are the light and salt of the world and ought to deny ourselves to obey the Word, and to glorify God and benefit men. All this cannot be done by ourselves but by grace. But the nearest of kin was like the teachers of law and the Pharisees who preached but did not practice what they preached. (Mt 23:2) This shows the corruption of human nature which is full of selfishness, without compassion and love!

2.【Be redeemed by the Lord】8-10 Boaz represented the glorious Christ. He bought the property from Naomi and acquired Ruth as his wife in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property. Ruth was redeemed by grace. She married to Boaz representing the church united with Christ and was one with Him in spirit. (1 Co 6:17)

※【Accomplish by the Lord】17-20 Jesus came not to abolish the Law but to fulfill them. Until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. (Ro 3:31) It was completely by Boaz that Ruth was redeemed. So it is completely by faith and grace that we are able to observe the Lord’s Word. We will surpass the righteousness of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law and enter the kingdom of heaven to be united with the Lord forever to be His bride.

3.【Be redeemed and be blessed】11-12 Ruth was redeemed with the witness of the elders and those at the gate. They also blessed her like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of God and prospered with fame. They also prayed Boaz might bear offspring from this woman to accomplish God’s will to prepare for the genealogy of Jesus. How unworthy to be favored for a foreign woman to have a share in God’s permanent plan!

※【In harmony and be blessed】21-26 We obey the Lord’s teaching to pursue holiness and harmony. Not only we cannot murder, we cannot be angry or hate our brothers. Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer. (1 Jn 3:15) We ought to forgive the wrong of others from the heart. (Mt 18:35) Before we leave the gift before the altar, first go to reconcile and settle with our adversary. We ought to pay off the debt and be in harmony with God and men. In this way we may be the bride of the Lord (Rev 19:7) just like Ruth had fame and praise.

**B. Remove evil and act justly, unite with the Lord and be blessed and perfect**

United (Ru 4:13-22) – Remove evil (Mt 5:27-48)

1.【Unite with the Lord】13-16 Boaz married Ruth as his wife represented the foreign church was favored to unite with the Lord to bear choice fruit. The women praised God who had not left Naomi; that she had a daughter-in-law who loved her and who was better to her than seven sons. Naomi cared for the child and was full of comfort.

※【Remove evil completely】27-37 Again the Lord taught us if we were to keep the Word in the heart, we had to remove completely our body that made us fall. We ought to resist sin to the point of shedding our blood (Heb 12:4), and then we might unite with the Lord and be abundant in life just like Ruth. She was able to have a share in the plan of God’s will to be the pre-modal of the bride of the Lamb because she thoroughly renounced her nation (Moab). She made a clean break with evil and was determined not to compromise. Then she was able to be wholehearted to love the Lord and unite with Him!

2.【Accomplish God's will】17-22 Ruth gave birth to Obed, Obed gave birth to Jesse and Jesse gave birth to David. From Perez to David, there were several godly foreign women who loved God like Tamar, Ruth, and Rahab. They denied themselves to obey the will and accomplished God’s will. They were forever remembered in the genealogy of Jesus Christ.

※【Perfect in love】38-48 The Lord taught us to deny ourselves to obey the Word, to love God and men and further to love our enemy like David who treated the ungrateful and wicked Saul with God’s unlimited and extensive love. He overcame evil with good. It was also like Tamar and Ruth who denied and sacrificed themselves. They were not only mature in the will of God (Col 4:12) but also perfect in love as the heavenly Father is perfect.

**Ps 16 / Rev 11:5 Main theme: Love the Lord wholeheartedly, obey the Word watchfully, devour the enemies by the mouth and be full of pleasures.**

**-Love wholeheartedly / Power**

(1)【Love God and men wholeheartedly will be kept safe】1-3 Apart from the Lord, there is nothing to be desired. Love the Lord, obey His Word and dwell in Him. Further, love the saints of the Lord and be watchful for them.

(2)【Be away from other gods and be glad on what the Lord granted】4-6 Be determined not to offer to other gods or to take up their names on my lips. The Lord is my portion and I will be satisfied on what the Lord gives me.

(3)【Be watchful to keep day and night】7-8 Always be watchful and pray constantly to keep the Lord’s word firmly by Him.

(4)【Full of joy and hope】9-11 The Lord makes us filled with joy. God will not abandon Christ to the grave. Therefore those who come to God through Him will be saved completely. Thus I am full of hope. He will instruct me to run a path of life so I may be close to Him filled with power and to enjoy the eternal pleasures.

**Central point of the wheels: Be redeemed and perfect, love the Lord wholeheartedly and be filled with power**

Dear Lord, I am willing to be wholehearted to You, unite with You, be redeemed by You, be perfect in love and glorify your name all my life!