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Community: How do the roles of women and men differ in your community? Which roles promote healthy community? Which do not?

At Home: Have you done something you wouldn’t normally do to secure a greater good? How did it feel? What would you do the next time?

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Monday, Ruth 3:1-5, *Ruth and Boaz at the Threshing Floor*

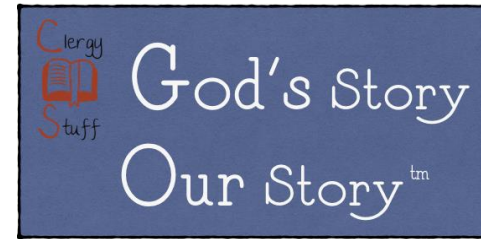
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