

Here are the scripture references mentioned or alluded to in the sermon, along with some relevant verses that align with the main themes discussed:

Explicitly mentioned:

1. Ruth 4:11-22 - The genealogy and blessing of Boaz and Ruth
2. Jeremiah 29:11 - God's plans to prosper His people
3. Matthew 1:3-6 - Genealogy of Jesus including Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bathsheba
4. Joshua 2 - The story of Rahab
5. 2 Corinthians 4:6-10 - God's light shining in our hearts, perseverance through trials
6. Galatians 6:11 - Paul's reference to writing in large letters
7. 2 Corinthians 5:1-11 - Our heavenly dwelling and living by faith

Alluded to without specific citation:

8. Job 1:21 - "The Lord gives and the Lord takes away; blessed be the name of the Lord"
9. Romans 8:28 - God works all things together for good
10. John 10:10 - The thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy; Jesus came to give abundant life

Relevant verses aligning with sermon themes:

11. Proverbs 16:9 - "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."
12. Philippians 4:11-13 - Contentment in all circumstances
13. James 1:2-4 - Perseverance through trials
14. 1 Peter 1:3-9 - Living hope through Christ's resurrection
15. Hebrews 11:1 - "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."
16. Psalm 139:16 - God's plans for our lives
17. Isaiah 55:8-9 - God's thoughts and ways are higher than ours