

August 17, 2025: The Story of Ruth

Week#3

Scripture: Ruth 3

- 1) What stands out to you most in Ruth 3? Why?
- 2) How would you describe Naomi's plan for Ruth? Was it bold? Risky? Wise? Desperate?
- 3) What did you notice about Boaz's character in this chapter? How does he respond to Ruth's actions?
- 4) What does Ruth's willingness to go to Boaz at night reveal about her trust in Naomi - and in God?
- 5) How does Boaz exemplify integrity in his interaction with Ruth?
- 6) Have you ever had to take a step of faith without knowing how things would turn out? What happened?
- 7) What does this chapter teach us about God's quiet work behind the scenes?
- 8) How can we grow in confidence that God is orchestrating his purposes and plan even when we can't see it?
- 9) Who in your life might need encouragement to trust God in a time of waiting or uncertainty?

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Week#2

Scripture: Ruth 2

- 1) Ruth was very industrious. She said to Naomi, "Let me go out into the harvest field to pick up stalks of grain left behind" (Ruth 2:2). What most impresses you here about Ruth?
- 2) Ruth found herself working in a field owned by a relative of her father-in-law. Do you think God was orchestrating this event?
- 3) How did Boaz react to Ruth's desire to glean what was left in the field? (see vss. 8-9).
- 4) Ruth was so grateful for Boaz's hospitality that she fell at his feet in thankfulness and with gratitude? How can we express our gratitude to people who have done nice things for us?
- 5) Ruth identified herself as a foreigner, but that didn't stop Boaz from providing for Ruth. Why do you think that is? (see vss. 10-12).
- 6) How can we open our hearts and lives to those who are foreigners or immigrants in our midst?
- 7) Naomi was amazed with the grain that Ruth brought home. She then discovered that it was Boaz, a close relative who had shown hospitality to them. What is it that motivates and inspires our hospitality and kindness?
- 8) God had a larger plan for Ruth that all began when she worked in Boaz's field. How can we trust in God's larger plan for our life?

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Life is filled with serendipitous surprises! The story of Ruth is one filled with surprise, delight, sorrow, and renewal. The story of Ruth mirrors the human story. It is one where God is working behind the scenes for our good and his glory.

Week#1:

Scripture: Ruth 1

- 1) What intrigues you the most about the story of Ruth?
- 2) Ruth was not an Israelite, but a Moabite. Yet, she went with Naomi to Bethlehem after her husband died. What does this tell us about the character of Ruth?
- 3) Did Ruth's loyalty to Naomi exist only because she had nowhere to go after her husband died? Or, was there something deeper going on?
- 4) How does loyalty develop between two different types of people?
- 5) Do you consider yourself to be a loyal friend?
- 6) There is a famous line in Ruth 1 read many times at weddings: "Wherever you go I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God" (vss.16-17). What emotions surface when you read or hear those two verses?
- 7) Does Ruth's example of love and loyalty inspire you to a greater degree of love and loyalty for those in your family? To those who are your friends?
- 8) Naomi declared that the Lord had caused her to suffer (vss.20-21). She had lost her husband and two sons. Does the Lord cause us to suffer? Or, is suffering brought on by the human condition of sin and brokenness?