

RUTH

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BIG IDEA

God is present and provides for His people, even in times of pain, suffering and grief.

KEY SCRIPTURE

¹⁶ But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.”

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

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RESOURCES

Generous Justice by Timothy Keller

SEEN

1. Prior to meeting, individually spend time meeting God in the key scripture.
2. Read the passage of scripture two times slowly and reflectively. The goal is to allow the text to sink in and resonate personally. Look for words and phrases that stand out to you and write them down.
3. Read the passage slowly one more time, pay extra attention to the parts that stood out to you the first time. Consider how these words or phrases might apply to your life right now. What might the Lord be inviting you to?
4. Respond to God in prayer, express your thoughts, feelings, and desires in relation to the scripture. Rest now in God’s presence, allow for silence and stillness. Listen for God’s voice and experience a deeper connection with him.

SHAPED

Thinking about the Sunday sermon what stuck out for you in what was said?

In your time reflecting on the key scripture what stood out to you?

In the final chapter, we see Boaz as a man who powerfully demonstrates God’s *Hesed* (faithful, covenant) love. He acts with integrity and trusts God’s timing rather than forcing outcomes. As you reflect on your own life, where are you currently trying to force things to happen? In contrast, what areas are you passively waiting on, where God might be inviting you to step forward with integrity and active trust?

Naomi’s journey moves from deep pain and bitterness (“Call me Mara” – Ruth 1:20-21), to recognizing God’s kindness (Ruth 2:20), and finally to joyful praise for His restoration (Ruth 4:14-15). Looking at your life today, where do you see yourself in Naomi’s story? In what ways is God inviting you to move from bitterness or emptiness toward hope and praise? Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit: “Lord, what do You want to say to me through Naomi’s transformation?”

Ruth begins as a widowed Gentile outsider, yet through her fierce *Hesed* love, humble resilience, and daily faithfulness, she becomes woven into the very center of God’s redemptive story for Israel. As you consider Ruth’s journey, what is the Holy Spirit speaking to you about your own journey right now? Where is He inviting you to walk in loyalty, humility, and courageous faith — even when you feel like an outsider?

SENT

Just as we are blessed to be a blessing, in being seen by God, he invites us to truly see others. This week be mindful, is God nudging you to notice someone in your community? Reach out to that person.