

“LEARNING FROM A FOREIGNER’S FAITH” (RUTH)

Ruth 1-4

Nature of the book of Ruth

1. _____ **that God Is at Work Even Amidst** _____ (Ruth 1-4)

The Plot...

Naomi’s Perception...

(see 1:13, 20, 21)

The pain of grief affects our _____ . (see 1:13)

Was Naomi really empty-handed? (see 1:21-22; 3:17)

Because God is sovereign, he is _____ **at work.**

What are your thoughts on sovereignty? In tragedy?

How as God at work with Naomi & Ruth?

2. _____ **Faith before a** _____ **World** (Ruth 1:7-18; 2:12)

Naomi vs. Ruth

How does Ruth show GREAT faith?

Our faith as an evangelism & discipleship opportunity...

3. _____ **Others with** _____ **Love** (Ruth 1-3)

Israel vs. Ruth

(see Exod 20:5-6)

What is HESED?

Ruth 1:8; 3:10 – “devotion”

Ruth 2:12 – “kindness” – not hesed but points us to it

Ruth shows hesed...

Hesed is the love we are to _____.

Hesed _____ to the needs of others.

Hesed _____, even risks for others.

****We can't wait!****

4. _____ the Lord for & _____ the Kinsman Redeemer (Ruth 4)

GO-EL - Kinsman-Redeemer (see Leviticus 25 & 27)

Must be a close relative (see 2:3, 30)

Must be willing to redeem (see 3:11)

Had to be rich enough to pay the redemption price (see ch. 2; 4:6)

Christ is our _____.

Gospels; Phil 2:7; Rom 8:3; Heb 2:17

Destroying this doctrine destroys our salvation.

Christ was _____ to redeem us.

Mk 10:45; Jn 10:17-18; Titus 2:14; Heb 10:12

Should incite us to praise!

Christ was _____ to pay the redemption price.

1 Pt 1:18-19; Heb 2:9; 9:25-26

Have you shared this great hope with others? If not, why?

**What did the Lord teach you through the example and faith of Ruth, a foreigner?
How will you respond to these chapters of Scripture today? This week? This month? This year?**