

“Ruth: A Journey of Faith, Redemption, and God's Grace”

Lesson 5 - Part 1 - Broken to Blessed: Naomi's Restoration

Fall Bible Study – Wednesday, Nov. 12 (STUDENT)

Read Ruth 4:16-17; Pgs. 43-44. It will give you context.

One of the things that I think is so appreciated about the Word of God is that it shows you, in my opinion, several sides of stories. If we really think about it, the heroes and the sheroes of our faith were people who were just like us.

That's one of the things about this journey of faith, commitment, and servanthood, God does not really use extraordinary people. Because if we use extraordinary people, then there would be no room for them to give Him glory, honor, and praise. God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

Look at where Naomi came from in the story:

➤ **Ruth 1:20-21**

I. Life will make you believe or cause you to feel God has abandoned you!

A. Hab. 1:1-2

B. John The Baptist

➤ **Matt. 11:1-3**

C. Jesus

➤ **Matt 27:46**

- When our prayers are not answered in the way that we desire, it causes us to feel a little distant and even disappointed with God.

II. Naomi's journey through sorrow

A. None of us are going to go through life without having some adversity.

- Adversity is not necessarily a detour on the journey; it's a part of the journey that becomes your growing point, you're stretching point, your endurance test.
- The beauty of a butterfly cannot be disconnected from the cocoon it came out of.
- A butterfly has wings because they had to struggle to break through the cocoon.

B. Sorrow/adversity can be the avenue of strength.

- **2 Corinthians 4:8-9**
- **1 Peter 5:10**

C. God is at work behind the scenes that we are facing.

III. God's redemption through Ruth and Boaz

The word redemption refers first to the action of saving or being saved from sin, error, or evil.

It is the action of regaining or gaining possession of something; it's the clearing of a debt.

- **Hebrews 11:13**
- **Hebrews 11:10**

A. God places Ruth by her side!

B. God led Ruth to Boaz! A kinsman redeemer who stepped in to secure their future.

- **1 Samuel 18:1-5**

C. God bless Naomi with the grandson who restores her joy and becomes a part of the lineage of King David, and ultimately, Jesus Christ.

D. Let God decide what the final chapter will be!