

Happy Mother's Day!
Ruth-Redeeming Love
Sunday, May 11, 2025

Ruth 2: 5-12 NIV

⁵Boaz asked the overseer of his harvesters, "Who does that young woman belong to?" ⁶The overseer replied, "She is the Moabite who came back from Moab with Naomi. ⁷She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the harvesters.' She came into the field and has remained here from morning till now, except for a short rest in the shelter."

⁸So Boaz said to Ruth, "My daughter, listen to me. Don't go and glean in another field and don't go away from here. Stay here with the women who work for me. ⁹Watch the field where the men are harvesting, and follow along after the women. I have told the men not to lay a hand on you. And whenever you are thirsty, go and get a drink from the water jars the men have filled."

¹⁰At this, she bowed down with her face to the ground. She asked him, "Why have I found such favor in your eyes that you notice me—a foreigner?" ¹¹Boaz replied, "I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. ¹²May the LORD repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."

1. **Our Suffering is Not Unseen.**
2. **God Responds to a Surrendered Heart.**
3. **God Redeems and Restores.**
4. **God Uses Our Faithfulness in His Greater Plans.**

Conclusion: In this world, we will suffer but we have an assurance that our God sees, and He works amid our suffering to bring about His redemptive purposes. There is a far grander story we are being woven into, and our chapter must be written to tell it. No matter the path we travel, our stories begin and end in redemptive love.

LIFE GROUP LESSON
Ruth- Redeeming Love
Week of May 11, 2025- May 17, 2025

Ice Breaker: What is something about your mom you are grateful for?

Read Ruth.

1. Read Ruth 1:1-3. What was happening in their homeland? What clan were they from? What did this family decide to do?
2. What happened to Naomi's husband?
3. What did the sons do in Moab? Should they have done that?
4. What happened to her sons?
5. What does this situation mean for Naomi in the land of Moab?
6. What does Naomi decide to do? How did God work grace for her to do this? (v.6)
7. What does Naomi consider and instruct her daughters-in-law to do? (vs. 8-13) What could be the danger for them living in Judah?
8. What did Naomi believe about God towards her? (v.13) Have you felt this way at some point in your life?
9. How did Ruth respond to Naomi's urging to go back? (vs. 16-18) What is significant about her response?
10. What name did Mara give herself and what did it mean? (vs.20-21) What is her condition at this time? Is her perspective accurate?
11. What is important to remember in seasons of sorrow?
12. Read Ruth 2:2-3. Why was Ruth doing this? What Law was this upholding? Read Leviticus 23:22. Why did God set this as a Law?
13. Whose field does Ruth glean from? (2:3) Coincidence or provision?
14. How does Boaz respond to Ruth gleaning in his fields? (vs. 8-9) What were dangers for women then, especially a foreign woman?
15. When Ruth asked why she found favor from Boaz, what did he say? (vs. 11-12) Was this a prophecy he was speaking?
16. When Ruth told Naomi about Boaz, what did Naomi reveal about him? (2:20) Read Deuteronomy 25:5-10. Leviticus 25:24-28. Why did God have these laws in place? What does this show us about God?
17. Read Ruth 3:1-4. What is Naomi, the mother, concerned about?
18. How does Boaz respond to Ruth? Ruth 3:8-13. 4: 9-12.
19. How did God work to restore Naomi? Ruth 4:14-15.
20. How did God work for good for Ruth, and to fulfill His divine purpose? Ruth 4: 18-22. What does this show you about how God works through your trials and hardship?

Point to ponder: Where can you see God might be doing something new through you to change your family's story?