

RUTH

Background Information

Although Ruth is a short book, it is power packed. The very fact that a book was titled after her speaks volumes, for Ruth was not a Jew. She is the only woman in the Bible called a virtuous woman. Boaz is a man of integrity as well.

Ask God to show you valuable lessons over the next three weeks. Enjoy!

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RUTH 1:1 – 2:9

Ruth 1:16-17

And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee,
or to return from following after thee:
for whither thou goest, I will go;
and where thou lodgest, I will lodge:
thy people shall be my people,
and thy God my God:

Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried:
the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ruth 1:16-17

Read – Ruth 1:1-5

Examine –

1. Who was ruling Israel in those days?
2. What was in the land?
3. Where does the man live?
4. What does the name of this city mean?

5. Where did he go?
6. Who went with him?
7. What were names of all the people in his family?

8. From what tribe were they?
9. Who died?
10. What did the sons do?
11. What were their names?
12. How long were they there?
13. What happened to her sons?

Apply-

Can you list at least 2 direct commands they violated?

What was the punishment?

What are you doing that is in direct contradiction to God?

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Praise: _____

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Weekly memory verse – Ruth 1:16-17

Read – Ruth 1:6-10

Examine –

1. What did Naomi hear?
2. Who was she taking with her?
3. To where were they returning?
4. What advice did Naomi offer to them?

5. What kind of blessing did she pronounce on them?

THOUGHT: Naomi's mind was so cluttered by the world that she was calling on God to bless a heathen family in their heathen environment.

6. What was both parties' initial response in verse 9?

7. What did they say to her in verse 10?

Apply-

Do you have so much of the world in you that you are “blessing” heathen practices?

Like what?

What do you laugh at on T.V.?

What do you allow to enter your eye and ear gate?

God help us to be pure.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ruth 1:16-17

Read – Ruth 1:11-18

Examine –

1. Of what did Naomi say she had no more?
2. What was she too old to have?
3. If she could have sons, could they wait?
4. What grieved her?

Remember: Sin always affects others.

5. What did they do again?
6. Who left her?
7. To what had Orpah returned?
8. What did Ruth not want her to do anymore?
9. Where would she go?
10. Who would be her God?
11. What was the only thing to part them?
12. Did Ruth convince Naomi?

Apply-

How could Naomi tell someone to go back to a god that could not help?

How can we not tell people of a God who wants to help?

Are you telling others?

When is the last time that you told someone about Christ?

When is the last time that you even gave out a tract?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ruth 1:16-17

Read – Ruth 1:19-22

Examine –

1. To what city did they come?
2. How did the city react to their home coming?
3. What did she want them to call her?
4. Who had dealt with her?
5. How had he dealt with her?
6. How did she go out?
7. How did she come back?
THINK: Was this entirely true?
8. What two ways does she describe?

9. When did they get to Bethlehem?

Apply-

God does punish sin. This is a fact that no one can dispute. Be careful. It's amazing to me that Naomi overlooks Ruth when she says she came back empty.

Do you look at the negative all the time?

There is positive and negative in every situation. It just matters what you concentrate on.

Work at focusing on the positive today (and after that too.)

List some things that you are thankful for to get you started.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ruth 1:16-17

Read – Ruth 2:1-3

Examine –

1. What did Naomi have?
2. What family was he from?
3. What was his name?
4. What was his financial status?
5. What did Ruth want to do?

READ LEVITICUS 19:9-10

6. What was to be left for the poor?
7. What was Ruth? (poor or stranger)

BACK TO THE MAIN PASSAGE

8. What did she glean after?
9. What field did she “happen” to come?

Apply-

Ruth was willing to work to provide for them. God rewards diligence.

How are you diligent?

How are you slothful?

What can you do this week to get victory in this area?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ruth 1:16-17

Read – Ruth 2:4-9

Examine –

1. From where did Boaz come?

NOTE: This seems to indicate that they were away from Naomi's home. Therefore, Ruth had a walk ahead of her as well.

2. What is used in their greetings?

3. What did Boaz want to know?

4. Verse 7 describes her as a _____ worker.

5. Who does he talk to next?

6. What does he not want her to do?

7. What had he charged the young men?

8. What happens when she is thirsty?

NOTE: This was unusual because the women did the well-drawing and the men drank. He was honoring her very highly.

Apply-

Everyone seems to be impressed with Ruth. She has made quite an impression. Do you make a good impression on others?

What positive influence have you brought to your church?

What can you change to be a better influence?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ruth 1:16-17

Read – Review

Examine –

List the decisions that people made in this chapter and write next to it whether it was a good one or bad one.

Apply-

What decisions might you make that will have long range effects?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

RUTH 2:10 - 3:11

Ruth 2:12

The LORD recompense thy work,
and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel,
under whose wings thou art come to trust.

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Weekly memory verse – Ruth 2:12

Read – Ruth 2:10-12

Examine –

Go back and read verses 4-9 to get the context

1. What was Ruth's response to Boaz's statement?
2. What did she say she had found in his eyes?
3. What did she say she was?
4. What had been shown to Boaz?
5. What 3 things did she leave?

6. What would God recompense?
7. Where had Ruth come to trust?
8. In Psalm 63:7, what does the author say he will do under God's wings?

Apply-

Where is your trust?

In money?

In things?

In popularity?

In friends?

In mom and dad?

Other: _____

Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us to completely trust God. Write those verses below:

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ruth 2:12

Read – Ruth 2:13-17

Examine –

1. What did she want to find with him?

2. Why?

3. What was she to do at mealtime?

4. Who did she sit beside?

NOTE: This was unusual because at no time did the women eat with the men, and Jews never ate with foreigners. Boaz was extending gracious treatment to her.

5. What did Boaz encourage his gleaners to do?

6. What did they purposely leave for her?

7. For how long did she glean?

8. What did she do after she gleaned?

9. How much did she get?

10. What was she gleaning?

Apply-

Ruth's diligence paid off. It always does. In every aspect she was treated better than she deserved. List at least 5 ways that you are treated better than you deserve.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ruth 2:12

Read – Ruth 2:18-23

Examine –

1. Where did she go?

2. What else did she bring to Naomi?

INTERESTING: It appears to me that Ruth ate just enough not to be hungry and saved some for Naomi. She did not overeat and was unselfish.

3. Who did Naomi bless?

4. What was his name?

5. What did God not leave off?

6. According to Naomi, Boaz was a _____.

7. What else did Boaz tell her?

8. Did Naomi like this idea?

9. To whom did she keep close?

10. What two resources were harvested?

Apply-

We can see God's sovereign hand in this situation. However, we also see man's choice, because Ruth had to choose to go to work. You cannot nor should you worry about God's part, but what are you going to do about your part?

List some of "your part" choices that you should make everyday?

Go back and check beside the ones you are doing.

Continue with these and work on those you could not check.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ruth 2:12

Read – Ruth 3:1-5

Examine –

1. What did Naomi want to do for Ruth?
2. What does this mean?
3. Again what was Boaz?
4. Define WINNOW(ETH)-

5. Where did he do this?
6. What 3 things was Ruth to do?

7. What was she not to do?
8. What was she to do after he lied down? (3 things)

9. What would Boaz do?
10. What was Ruth's response to this?

Apply-

It appears to me that Ruth had no personal agenda. She was completely obeying Naomi. This should be our attitude towards God and our authorities, complete & unquestioning obedience. How have you completely and unquestioningly obeyed Him this past week?

Can you think of times that you have not? Write some below.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ruth 2:12

Read – Ruth 3:6-10

Examine –

1. Where did she go?

NOTE: This was a community place that everyone shared to thresh their wheat. In celebration of harvest, this was a great time!

2. What had Boaz done?

3. Where did he lay?

4. What did she do?

5. Why do you think he slept on his corn?

6. When did he notice her?

7. What awoke him?

8. What did he discover?

*He asks a pretty obvious question next.

9. What would we call vs. 9 in modern-day language?

10. Was Boaz hostile to this idea?

11. What did he commend her in not doing?

NOTE: Apparently she could have gotten one!

Apply-

Ruth was both tender & bold. In the right places, these make anyone a godly person. Boaz also was concerned about responsibility. How is your character?

Name some ways you are responsible? Name some ways you are not?

Name some ways you should work on being more tender or bold.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ruth 2:12

Read – Ruth 3:11 & Proverbs 31:10-31

Examine –

1. What assurance does Boaz now give to Ruth?
2. Would he do the part of kinsman – redeemer?
3. Why?
4. What kind of woman does he call Ruth?

NOTE: This is the only woman in the Bible actually called this.

Turn to Proverbs 31.

5. There are at least 7 characteristics of Ruth that are directly said in Proverbs 31. Compare the two passages and write a list here.

Apply-

Girls- Which of these are your characteristics? Would others call you a virtuous woman?

Guys- What similarities do you have with Boaz? Would a woman of Ruth's character be attracted to you?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ruth 2:12

Read – Review

Examine –

1. Where did Ruth come to trust?
2. What 3 things/persons did Ruth leave?

3. What unusual thing did Ruth do at mealtime?
4. What was she gleaning?
5. Boaz was a _____ to Ruth.
6. What two things did they harvest?

7. What was Ruth to do to get Boaz's "attention"?
8. Did Ruth follow the plan of Naomi?
9. Did Boaz seem to mind her proposal?
10. What does Boaz call Ruth?

Apply-

What principle most impacted & changed you this week?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

RUTH 3:12 – 4

Ruth 4:14

And the woman said unto Naomi, Blessed be the LORD, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel.

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Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ruth 4:14

Read – Ruth 3:12-15

Examine –

1. Was Boaz a kinsman?
2. What was the problem?

3. If the other man would do it, would Boaz let him?
4. Was Boaz willing?
5. Where did she stay until morning?
6. When did she get up?
7. Why did she do this?
8. What did he fill with barley?
9. How much did he give her?
10. Where did she go?

NOTE: The phrase “laid on her” is an indication that this was a large sum.

Apply-

Both people are demonstrating great character. Both have been obedient to what they were told. How is your character? Think about what you do when no one is looking.

List some areas in which you have been obedient this week.

List some in which you have not been obedient, as you should.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ruth 4:14

Read – Ruth 3:16-18

Examine –

1. What does the phrase “who art thou” mean?
2. What did Ruth tell her?
3. What did he give her?
4. Why did he give it to her?
5. What did Naomi advise her?
6. Who would not rest?
7. When would he rest?
8. When would she know the outcome?

Apply-

Isn’t it fun to tell someone an exciting story that happened to you?

When is the last time that you told someone about your salvation story and what Christ has done for you?

Think of a person you can tell this week and make sure you do.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ruth 4:14

Read – Ruth 4:1-5

Examine –

1. Where did Boaz go?
2. What do you know about the city gate?

3. Did the kinsman come by?
4. What did Boaz ask him to do?
5. Who did Boaz call as witnesses?
6. Who was selling land?
7. What did he call Elimelech?
8. What did Boaz want to do?
9. Who was after this man in the line of redemption?
10. Would the guy redeem it?
11. What bit of information did Boaz not tell him?

FACT: There was a little bit of attachment to the land.

Apply-

Boaz is making sure everything is done the right way. Place of authority (the gate), witnesses (10 men), all facts given. Do you do a job right when you are asked?

List some ways that you could improve in this area?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ruth 4:14

Read – Ruth 4:6-10

Examine –

1. Did this little fact about Ruth change his mind?
2. What did he not want to mar?
3. Define MAR –

4. How did they confirm all things?
5. Who drew off his shoe?
6. This was to c _____ all things?
7. Who was buying?
8. What 3 people's stuff did he buy?

9. Ruth was whose wife?
10. Why did he purchase her?

Apply-

Christ purchased us from sin. He raised us from the dead spiritually. He was our kinsman redeemer. List the similarities you find between this story and our redemption.

Thank the Lord today for what He has done for you.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ruth 4:14

Read – Ruth 4:11-15

Examine –

1. Were the people witnesses?
2. What blessing did they put on Ruth?
3. What did these two ladies do?
4. Where do they wish him to be famous?
5. What other house did they include in the blessing? (vs. 12)
6. Who gave her a son?
7. Who did Ruth praise?
8. To whom did she praise him?
9. In verse 15, the child would be two things to Naomi. Name them.
10. According to verse 15, Ruth was better than _____ sons.

Apply-

Ruth was a true servant. She concentrated on God and others not herself. She willingly gives her son to be a comfort to Naomi. How are you a servant?

Name some ways that you do for others at your own expense.

Prayer:

Praise:

Main thought to meditate on today:

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ruth 4:14

Read – Ruth 4:16-22

Examine –

1. Who nursed the child?
2. Who gave his name to him?
3. What was it?
4. Who was his son?
5. Who was his grandson?
6. Whose generations do we learn about in verse 18?

NOTE: Now we understand why they bring a blessing on Ruth in vs. 12 using this name.

7. Between Pharez and Boaz, how many generations are there?
8. Who was Boaz's dad?
9. From the last verse we can conclude that Ruth was written at least during whose life time?

Apply-

We see God's sovereign hand in this whole story. I'm sure Naomi, Ruth, and many others could not see this at the time, but God takes our bad and turns it into good. Do you trust him even when you make mistakes or things look dark?

Can you think of at least one time when something bad God turned to good in your life?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ruth 4:14

Read – Review

Examine –

1. Was Boaz her nearest kinsman?
2. Why did she get up early?
3. What did he give her as she went away?
4. When would she know the outcome of the situation?
5. Did Boaz find the kinsman?
6. Where did he go to do his business?
7. How many witnesses did he call?
8. Why did the man not want to redeem the land?
9. How did they seal the deal?
10. Did Ruth have a son?
11. What was his name?
12. Who was his grand son?

Apply-

What blessings have you missed by not obeying?

By not doing simple responsibilities?

[You may not be aware of them, but you did miss some things.]

What blessings have you gained by obeying and doing simple responsibilities?

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____
