



RUTH

Do I love my family?

THE BOOK OF RUTH

Theme:

Divine loyal love in the midst of bleakness

~ Hope in God's loyal love!

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Genre: Historical Narrative

- Look for lesson points on various levels
 1. Learn from characters?
 2. Learn about God?
 3. Learn about God's redemptive program

RUTH - A LOVE STORY

Hope in God's loyal love!

- Focus on God's love even in bleakness.
- Reflect God's love in our families.

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Reflect God's love in our families

- Reflect God's loyal love in my immediate family
- Reflect God's loyal love in my extended family
- Reflect God's loyal love in my church family

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- Reflect God's loyal love in my immediate family

Ruth & Naomi

1. Ruth made a commitment of loyal love to Naomi
2. Ruth showed loyal love to Naomi in action
3. Naomi responded in loving communication & togetherness

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Ruth 1:16-17 - Commitment

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.

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Ruth 2:2-3 – Love in action

And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter. And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers....

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Ruth 2:7, 17 – Diligence in spite of difficulties

And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now...

So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley.

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Ruth 2:10 – Diligence in spite of difficulties

Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?

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Ruth 2:9,22 – Diligence in spite of difficulties

Boaz: “...have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee?”

Naomi: “...It is good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, that they meet thee not in any other field.”

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Ruth 2:23 – Loving Communication & Togetherness

And Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter in law, It is good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, that they meet thee not in any other field. So she kept fast by the maidens of Boaz to glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and dwelt (lived) with her mother in law.

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- Reflect God's loyal love in my immediate family

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Ruth 2:1 – God's providence in family relationships

And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz.

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Lev 19: 9-10 – God’s love reflected by His covenant pp

And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest. And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I am the LORD your God.

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Ruth 2:11-12 – God’s Response to loyal family love

Boaz: “It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore. 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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Ruth 2:20 – God’s Response to loyal family love

And Naomi said unto her daughter in law, Blessed be he of the Lord, who hath not left off his kindness (*chesed* – loyal love) to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man is near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen.

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Ruth 2:3 – God’s Response to loyal family love

And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was (*she happened*) to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech.



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FAMILY MATTERS! JUNE 2014

Sundays 15 & 22 June

- 8.30 am & 10.45am

Saturday 21 June

- 5 different workshops

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