

WOMEN OF FAITH, PRACTICING INTEGRITY, AND LIVING IN CHRIST

Old Testament Unit - Women of Faith - *Loyal Love & A Good Name* - September 10, 2017

Text: Ruth 1 & 2

Intro: Without reading the text and thinking of the whole story of Ruth, list some words that come to mind that describe the story. (just one word; use this fill in the blank to help) The book of Ruth is a story of _____!

I. Ruth 1:1-13 The Journey To Moab

1. (1:1) What does this verse tell you about this story?

2. How long did they live in Moab? Who did the sons marry? What tragedies struck this family while in Moab?

3. Why did Naomi decide to return to Judah? What did she tell her daughters in law to persuade them to return to their homes? How did Naomi view the tragedies that happened to her in Moab? Was she right or was it just the grief talking?

II. Ruth 1:14-22 Ruth's Loyalty and Commitment

1. It is obvious that both women loved Naomi. Based on Ruth's response in vs. 16-17, why do you think Ruth decided to stay with Naomi?

2. How were they received in Bethlehem? What did Naomi's grief keep her from seeing?

3. What significant part of the story was happening as they arrived at Bethlehem?

III. Ruth 2: 1-23 Ruth Wins Boaz's Admiration and Protection

1. What brought Ruth to the attention of Boaz? (2:1-7) What was Boaz's response to Ruth? (2:8-9)

2. Why did Boaz say Ruth had found "such favor" in his eyes? (2:10-12)

3. What provisions did Boaz make for Ruth? (2:15-16) How much is an "ephah"?

4. Ruth finds out from Naomi that Boaz was a _____ to them. What is that and what does it entail?

LESSONS FROM RUTH

1. God is concerned about all people regardless of _____.

2. There is no such thing as an UN _____ person in God's eyes.

3. God uses L _____ things to accomplish great plans.

4. God has a R _____ in place who can save us from our sins.

5. This story shows God's love for the G _____ too. How?

6. The story shows the workings of God's D _____ P _____.

7. God notices people of good C _____.

8. All that is good and worthwhile will come to us if we _____!