



# BOOK OF *Ruth*

From Famine to  
Feasting  
From Funerals to  
Family



# Agenda

Please post questions in chat throughout the teaching

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Divine Reversal  
Teaching

35 minutes

Question and  
Answer Time

20 minutes

Prayer &  
Blessing

5 minutes



## The Storyline



# Ruth's Loyalty: Love's Resolve

But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God."

- Ruth 1:16



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# Naomi's Lament

- “But she said to them, “Do not call me [g]Naomi; call me [h]Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. <sup>21</sup> I went out full, and the LORD has brought me home again empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since the LORD has testified against me, and [i]the Almighty has afflicted me?” (Ruth 1: 20 NKJV)



# Providence in Ruth:

## *God Using Natural Events to Produce Supernatural Results*

- **Ruth 1: 22 KJV** ... “and they [Naomi & Ruth] came to Bethlehem in the beginning of barley harvest.”
- **Ruth 2: 3 NKJV** “And she happened to come to the part of the field *belonging* to Boaz, who *was* of the family of Elimelech.
- Boaz happens to be in the field the first day that Ruth is there and can provide protection for her quickly
  - **Ruth 2: 4 NKJV** Now behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said to the reapers, “The LORD *be* with you!”
- Boaz takes notice of Ruth
  - **Ruth 2: 5 NKJV** Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, “Whose young woman *is* this?”





## Boaz' Kindness & Commitment

Love's Response – Chapter 2

Love's Request – Chapter 3

Love's Reward – Chapter 4



# Divine Reversals in Ruth

*The Hebrew word for redemption in its various forms occurs 23 times in the space of 85 verses and 4 short chapters.*



# From Famine to Feasting





From Funerals to Family

# Naomi's Transformation

- Bitter (Call me Mara)
- Emptiness (Ruth 1: 21)
- Destitution (1: 1-5)
- “But she said to them, “Do not call me [g]Naomi; call me [h]Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. <sup>21</sup> I went out full, and the LORD has brought me home again empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since the LORD has testified against me, and [i]the Almighty has afflicted me?” (Ruth 1: 20 NKJV)
- Blessed
- Fullness (Ruth 3: 17)
- Security and hope (4: 13-17)
- *“And may he be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has borne him.” (Ruth 4: 15 NKJV)*



# Ruth's Transformation

- Ruth the Moabitess (Ruth 1: 20)
- Ruth the foreigner (Ruth 2: 10)
- Ruth the servant of Boaz (Ruth 3: 9)
- Ruth the wife of Boaz (Ruth 4: 10)
  - Grafted into the people of Israel
- Ruth the great grandmother of David (Ruth 4: 17, 22)
  - The greatest king of Israel
- 27 generations later:
- Ruth the ancestor of Jesus Christ



# Failure to Flawless

- Elimelech's bad decision to leave Bethlehem (House of Bread) and go to Moab (Israel's enemy) with devastating results
- Elimelech means "My God is King," but he did not trust God to take care of him and his family
- Elimelech's line was continued in Obed, who fathered Jesse, who fathered David, the greatest king of Israel
- 27 generations later = Jesus Christ, flawless, The King of Kings and Lord of Lords



# How to Experience Divine Reversal


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Lessons from the book of Ruth



# Choose to Surrender to God

- When there is a famine in your land of promise, choose to let God write your story rather than writing your own.

A woman with dark hair in a braid, wearing a light blue short-sleeved shirt and khaki pants, stands in a vast field of tall, golden-brown grain. Her arms are outstretched to the sides, and she is looking away from the camera towards the horizon. The sky is overcast with soft, grey clouds. The field stretches out to a flat horizon line.

## Maintain a Godly Perspective and a Good Attitude

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- Despite great loss, Ruth had a sweetness of spirit
- Contrast with Naomi, who was from Israel





## Choose to Serve

Ruth's service is what positioned her to meet Boaz and what attracted Boaz' attention



Prepare Yourself for  
Something New

# Which Lesson Resonates Most For You?

- Choose to Surrender to God
- Choose to Maintain a Godly Perspective and a Good Attitude
- Choose to Serve
- Position Yourself for Something New



What was  
your key  
takeaway or  
learning  
point?  
What might  
you  
implement?

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