

## **Ruth: Our Story - Rescue**

Has there ever been a time in your life when you needed to be rescued? Care to share that story?

**Memory Verse:** 

Psalm 91:14 NLT

The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me.

I will protect those who trust in my name.

Read: Ruth 3, Ezekiel 33:6-7, Psalm 37:3-6, Genesis 18:19

Boaz spending the night guarding the grain on the threshing floor speaks to his spotless character once again. He was committed to the protection, provision, and lending his presence to his family.

In what ways do our families and community need our protection today? How far does our responsibility go in that?

In Psalm 37:3-6 there are specific actions the Psalmist calls us to take. What are they? How do they contribute to the provision our families need?

When it comes to provision, how much is enough? What role does gratitude play in determining that?

It is said that there is a crisis of fatherhood in our country. There is also a crisis of godly parenting as well. What are the blessings of being an honorable godly presence in the lives of our children? How does that affect families apart from our own?

Take time to discuss the honor shown by Ruth to Boaz. Had she not been so careful, she could have brought great shame and scandal to his name. Boaz could have done the same to her. Go back through the story, how did they show honor to one another and to the Lord?

## Read: Psalm 91:14, Ephesians 5:28, Romans 12:10, 2 Corinthians 6:2

Honor is a cover to cover theme in the Bible. What role does showing honor to God in our lives play in our rescue?

What are the benefits of showing honor to others? Physically? Mentally? Emotionally? Spiritually?

Discuss this quote:

"We don't honor just to get a reward; we honor because it is the heart of God, and it is our delight."

- John bevere

We are called to outdo one another in showing honor. On a scale of 1-10, how do you rate yourself at showing honor to others? What would you need to do to increase that number by 1 or 2 points?

How can we pray for each other to increase in honor today?