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"THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO RUTH" WEEK 1 NOTES **OCTOBER 8**

KEY THOUGHTS

- Ruth is a story about redemption.
- I'd ask, to come in each week in this series and act like you know nothing. Let's walk in this week by week so we can really understand and feel what is going on with these characters. So, we can see how we relate to them. And trust me, I think it is going to be easy for us to relate to them in many different ways
- Ruth has lost everything. Security, provider, hope. also, her daughter in laws, are childless, no decedents, no one to carry on her line. **Have you ever been in a time like this of darkness?**
- Our name is the most personal thing about us. It is our identity in so many ways. Scientifically, your name is the best sound to hear. We get so excited when someone calls our name. Unless its your kids wanting something again.. but when someone calls your name, you can't help but feel known. **What names do you carry?**
- Ruth (the book) Introduces Biblical Hope
 - We have sure hope that God in in control. We have hope that no matter what we face, God is with us.
 - We also have eternal hope. That he is making a place for us. Hope for now and Hope for later.
- Naomi Preservers Despite her Grief and Pain
 - She was alert enough in her grief to still hear of Bethlehem's good fortune of God's restoration form the famine in verse 6
 - She made the return even though she had all this darkness surrounding her
- Even when all seems lost, God will has a plan
- Ruth Demonstrates Exceptional Loyalty
 - You never hear anything negative from her. Even when she's standing bedside Naomi when she is saying she has nothing
 - We see Naomis pain a lot but remember Ruth is also a widow. She also had nothing except her sister and law and mother in law
- God is good.

SCRIPTURES

- Ruth 1
- Judges 21:25
- Hebrews 11:1
- Romans 5:5
- 2 Corinthians 4:17-18
- Romans 8:28

Practical & Reflection

- Do you look and work for hope to be present in your life?
- Are you still looking around for glimmers of hope even in grief and pain?
- Do you trust God's plan, even in what is unseen or uncertain?