

RUTH



WEEK ELEVEN

"RESTORER OF LIFE"

DAY 1

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. Read Ruth 4:15-22. In verse fifteen what do the women ask that the Lord would be to Naomi?
3. What was the prayer/blessing Boaz spoke in Ruth 2:12?
4. Contrast Ruth 1:1-5, 11-12, 20-21 and Ruth 4:9-17. What things has God restored and how has He answered Boaz's prayer from verse twelve?
5. According to Ruth 1:19, in which city does this story take place?
6. Ruth's marriage to Boaz brings a measure of restoration to this story, but it seems that more than anything else it is the birth of Obed that is the pinnacle of restoration for both Naomi and Ruth. This baby foreshadows a greater restoration that would take place. Read Zechariah 23:5. What is prophesied in this verse?
7. What baby, also born in Bethlehem, is the fulfillment of Zechariah's prophesy in Matthew 2:4-6, Luke 2:4-7 and John 7:42?
8. Write out this week's memory verse on a notecard or a piece of paper and post it somewhere you will see it often (e.g bathroom mirror, car, desk, kitchen sink, etc.).

Scripture Memory:

"He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake."

~Psalm 23:3

I'm praying about:

DAY 2

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. There are times in our lives we experience loss or ruin due to sin. Israel's sin resulted in them being conquered by a foreign nation and exiled from their land. What is the process by which we are restored according to Jeremiah 29:12-14.
3. Other times trial befalls us through no fault of our own. In either case, whether through sin or other means, when our lives have been ravaged by hardship there is no quick earthly remedy. What is it that the Lord restores in Psalm 23:3?
4. More than any other fix what we need is the restoration of our souls. This comes first through salvation, but even after salvation there are times we ache to the depths of our souls. Only God is able to reach us in that broken state and restore our very souls. If we attempt to restore our souls by any other means we will fail. What does David ask God to restore in Psalm 51:12?
5. Have you lost the joy that once accompanied your salvation? If so, do what David did and ask the Lord to restore in your soul the joy of your salvation.
6. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 3

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
 2. In Jeremiah 33:6-9 God promises to restore Israel. What things are promised in these verses?
 3. In Jeremiah 33:25-26 God says He had made a covenant with Israel. For the sake of His covenant, and because of His mercy He restored them. Though there were years the land was desolate and the cities were in ruins as a result of their sin, what does God promise to do for the people in Jeremiah 30:18?
 4. There must have been times Israel felt they were beyond restoration, but nothing is too ruined for God to restore. He can rebuild a city on its ruins, and He can put back the shattered pieces of your life to reveal something beautiful. What in your life needs the healing touch of the Lord to restore it?
 5. While we'd often like restoration to be quick, sometimes it's a slow process that requires us walking in obedience and faithfulness to the Lord. What is one of the means by which God restores our souls according to Psalm 19:7?
 6. Write out this week's memory verse below:
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DAY 4

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. The most important thing God restores for us is our souls, but he also brings earthly restoration to us as well. We began this study by looking at Job's loss and desolation. What did earthly restoration look like for Job in Job 42:10?
3. For Ruth, God brought restoration by providing her a husband, a child, and granting her citizenship in Israel. The story of Ruth depicts an earthly restoration that points us to a greater restoration to come. While God does bring restoration in various ways here on earth, our ultimate and final restoration will be in heaven. Read Isaiah 11:6-9; Isaiah 65:17-25; Revelation 21:1-7 & 22-27; and Revelation 22:1-5. What description is given when God restores all things? What does He specifically say He is doing in Revelation 21:5?
4. In regard to this heavenly Kingdom, what does God promise to do for us in 2 Timothy 4:18?
5. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 5

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
 2. What does Romans 8:23 say those who "have the first fruits of the Spirit" (those who are saved) do and why? What are we waiting for?
 3. We will walk through many things here on earth as we await our final restoration in heaven. With what attitude does Romans 8:25 tell us to wait? Why do you think this is necessary?
 4. As you behold the brokenness of this world it is easy to be discouraged or irritated at the things you see. However, you have the choice to either use your time here on earth or to waste it. Ruth and Naomi were two seemingly unimportant widows living in ancient times in a little town of Bethlehem. They could not possibly have imagined the impact their lives would have for generations to come. To this day we are learning about who God is from reading their story. Through Ruth and Naomi we behold a great Redeemer who is able to restore life and sustain us to old age. Like these widows of old, your life too tells a story. Every facet of your life, even the pain and heartache, has purpose that you cannot see and provides the opportunity to point people to the Redeemer you know. When people "read" the story of your life, what does it tell? To what or to Whom does it point? Will you use your life to point others to the only One who can restore life? How so?
 5. Write out this week's memory verse below:
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