ROCK WOMEN

RUTH

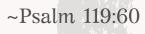
WEEK SIX

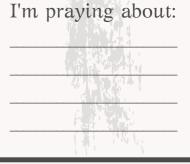
DAY 1

- 1. Begin your study time with prayer.
- 2. Read Ruth 3:1-6.
- 3. What is it Naomi desires to seek for Ruth?
- 4. What are her instructions to Ruth?
- 5. Much is involved when Naomi states that Boaz is their kinsman. Read Numbers 36:7 and Deuteronomy 25:5-6. What do you think Naomi has in mind?
- 6. Ruth 3:1 starts with "Then." Read Ruth 2:23 again and Philippians 2:1-4. What has happened to bring them to this moment? What did Ruth contribute so unselfishly? How is her kindness and unselfishness a challenge to you in your life?
- 7. What is Ruth's response to Naomi?
- 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:

I hastened and did not delay to keep Your commandments.





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DAY 2

- 1. Begin your study time with prayer.
- 2. Ruth has gleaned and gathered throughout the harvest with no immediate change to her circumstances. Finally, in chapter three, we see her called to action. Naomi instructs her to wash, anoint herself, put on her best clothes, and go to the threshing floor. This gesture is not without risk, one of which being that does not know how her actions will be received, or what the end result will be. She is simply told to go. What potential questions or concerns might Ruth have?
- 3. Like Ruth, Abram (later Abraham) is given a command by God that he is to follow though he does not know what the end result will be. Read Genesis 12:1-3. What does God tell Abram to do?
- 4. What is Abram's response (see verse 4) and what was his motivation to do so according to Hebrews 11:8? How does the Bible define this characteristic in Hebrews 11:1?
- 5. Faith means we have full assurance that something will come to pass that we do not see. Scripture is full of stories of men and women who obeyed God fully without having the plan revealed to them ahead of time. Why do we think our lives will be any different? Why is it difficult to walk forward when you don't know how things will turn out? What keeps you from obedience in such circumstances?
- 6. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 3

1. Begin your study time with prayer.

- 2.Not only can concerns about the unknown hinder obedience, fear, insecurity, and anxiety can also be a hindrance. There are times God calls us to things that seem crazy to everyone else. Read Matthew 14:22-31. What does Jesus ask Peter to do?
- 3. Although scientifically impossible, Peter walks on water. In verse 30 what is it that makes him begin to sink?
- 4. Peter started to "go," but he took his eyes off Christ and began to focus on his circumstances which provoked understandable fear. Jesus didn't make the concerning circumstances disappear, but as Peter focused on Him, Peter was able to overcome them. Is there anything God has asked you to do and you refuse to "go" because you are afraid? Take a moment right now and ask God to help you obey in spite of the fear.
- 5. Write out this week's memory verse below:

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DAY 4

- 1. Begin your study time with prayer.
- 2. When God calls us to "go" we can refuse obedience because of the unknown, because of fear, or because we feel unqualified. We often have many reasons we feel unqualified. What are the reasons you feel unqualified?
- 3. Gideon was called on to lead Israel in battle against the Midianites. What does the angel call Gideon according to Judges 6:12?
- 4. Mind you, Gideon had never fought a single battle that we know of. Why did Gideon feel unqualified in Judges 6:15?
- 5. What is the reason the angel gives Gideon in Judges 6:16 that he will be successful?
- 6. According to 2 Corinthians 3:4-6 who qualifies us for a given task? Rest assured, if God calls you to something, He will help you complete it. The results are not up to you to accomplish, your job is simply to "go."
- 7. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 5

1. Begin your study time with prayer.

- 2. What does Ephesians 2:10 tell us?
- 3. The verse above doesn't mention special people. We are all God's workmanship and we have all been tasked with good works. We don't age out of these or complete enough that we are exempt from further work for the Kingdom. Read Joshua14:6-12. How old is Caleb in this passage and what does he ask of Joshua?
- 4. What is the end result for Caleb in Joshua 14:13-14 and what was the reason given for his success?
- 5. At eighty-five years old Caleb goes to war and gains Hebron as his inheritance. Some may have said he was crazy to attempt such a feat at his age, but he knew his work was not yet done. Is there anything in your life you won't attempt because you feel you are too old, too young or too tired?
- 6. When Ruth was called on to "go" she had no idea what would happen. In the weeks to come we will see what she would have missed had she not obeyed. Similarly, we will never know the incredible things we fail to see because we refuse to "go" for one reason or another. When God calls us to obey He doesn't ask us to have all the answers, solve every problem, or make ourselves qualified. He just asks us to "go."
- 7. Write out this week's memory verse below: