

Ruth 4:13-22 Rootwork

Naomi's Legacy and God's Perfect Will

1. (Everyday) Before you begin your study time - spend time in prayer! Go through your "yesterday" and ask the Lord to reveal your heart! Prepare your heart and surrender your will to the Spirit of God! Allow Him to have full access by not withholding anything He wants to do in and then do through you!! Make a conscious effort to bow your will and your obedience to the Lord before you even dive in! This prepares your heart to hear and to heed everything He speaks to you!
2. (Everyday) Then spend time in adoration and worship after you have cleansed your heart and before you dive into the scriptures!! Proclaiming who God is and adoring Him lifts our eyes up and keeps our focus on what really matters...putting God in His rightful place and putting us in ours! Remember, the enemy is going to try to keep you from being in the Word, he hates when we worship our God- Worship breaks his bondages over believers, so submit to God, resist him and he will flee!!
3. If you were at the "Digging Deeper Workshop" and you would like to structure these scriptures, Copy and paste Ruth 4:13-22 into a word/pages document or write it out verse by verse, following the structuring handouts you received! If you were not there and want to watch it, search "Digging Deeper" on our website or app and watch it for tools to help you in your study time!
4. (Everyday) After you finish your rootwork every day, be sure to spend time in prayer (ACTS) going through what you have learned and received from the Word of God! This is also in your "Digging Deeper" handout!
5. If you have not done so already, spend some time reviewing every section theme- review the lessons that were impactful to you. Make note of those and the testimonies of what God has done through that! Record them and please consider sharing some of those with us at the Ruth wrap up!
6. As you review, seek to answer the question, "How have you seen the heart of God displayed throughout the book of Ruth?" Bring your answers to Rootwork night and to the Ruth Wrap up!
7. Read Ruth 4 and pay special attention to verses 13-22. look up any words that you want further insight on in your Blue Letter Bible app. Be sure to label "redeemer", "restore" and "sustains" And record what you find in your Who is God journal. (If you have questions on what the Blue Letter Bible app is or how to use it, please email me or grab me at any of our services and I will be happy to show you!)
8. Did you come up with a section theme of your own? If so record It and share at the Rootwork night!

9. Look at verse 13, what do we see happens next?

10. Marriage!! One of the greatest gifts God has given! Unfortunately, because of sin, it can be one of the hardest subjects for some. What comes to your mind when I say marriage? Pain? Hurt from past experiences? Joy and thankfulness for the spouse God has given? Or maybe you are longing for a spouse for the future? Each one of us have different thoughts and feelings about marriage depending on our own experiences. Let's look at how God designed and defined marriage and what it was intended for! Write out the truths you see here in these verses that help to combat the lies you have believed about marriage. If you do not have any lies, maybe you need a reminder of the gift you have been given! Write out your thoughts

- Genesis 2:24:

- Isaiah 54:4-6

- Ephesians 5:22-33:

- Hebrews 13:4:

- Ecclesiastes 4:12:

- Proverbs 18:22:

- Matthew 19:6:

11. At the end of verse 13 we see Ruth and Boaz have a child, and this child is the fruit of her womb. (Psalm 127:3) since we know the typology is so incredible in the book. What is produced through the union of Christ and His bride, the church? Read John 15:5 and record what happens when we abide or remain or dwell in Christ? That is what is produced!!

12. Can you name a distinctive time where you intentionally laid everything aside, dwelled in Christ and you saw the fruit that came out of it...knowing full well it was Christ, and it was the Spirit of God working in and through you?

13. Read verse 14, what is happening here? Why is the women saying Naomi is blessed with this child and not Ruth?

14. If you have not looked up, "blessed", or "famous" in your Blue letter Bible app, do that now and record what further insight you gain from these words.

15. We discussed in great detail the typology of Ruth, the typology of Boaz and the typology of Naomi. What are each a picture of? Go through and make a list of all the things that you can find and remember throughout the book of Ruth that show the

typology of each! If you need help, go back to the teaching and review these typologies! They are way too beautiful to skip over!

16. As you think about what you have learned about the typology of each, what does this tell you about God? How does this shape your view of Him? Does this strengthen your faith? If so, how?

17. We discussed how Ruth approached Boaz after he showed kindness to her, read Ruth 2:10 and then ask yourself, do you approach God in the same humble way? Do you have the same attitude when you see the goodness of God lavished on you? When you experience His unfailing grace?

18. From this point on we do not see the name of Ruth mentioned again. Why? Because she was redeemed already and now Naomi (Israel) will be redeemed because of Ruth and Boaz! just as Ruth Learns the ways of Boaz through Naomi, Israel learns the whereabouts of Christ through the church!! That is why this book is such a key to both Jew and Gentile!! This is God's perfect, providential plan! Write out your thoughts on this and then don't forget to put what you see about who God is, what He did for you, who you are and what you do in your Who is God journal!

19. Look at verse 15, what did you find on "restorer" and "sustainer"? What does this tell you about what God does and who He is!

20. Think with me for a minute about Naomi. She was in exile or in a foreign land for probably way longer than she should have been..but imagine with me if she would have said, "I have been here too long, I have made my bed, and now I have to stay here" and imagine if she would have listened to her self pity and just decided to live out the remainder of her time in Moab. Imagine with me what she would have missed out on if she would have listened to the lies! Are you hearing any similar lies? Do you think it too hard and you have strayed too far that there is no point? It is NEVER too late to make your way back to the will of God! Naomi is a perfect example of that, except for us it will only take one step not a journey from Moab to Bethlehem! Don't give up because it is hard and it seems hopeless! That is exactly what the enemy wants you to believe! Don't be a giver up too soon! 😊 God has way too much planned for you and you are here for such a time as this! There is no accident you are in the place you are in and the situation you are going through! Don't give up, let God bring about beauty from ashes!!

21. Read verses 16-17, what did Naomi do? What do you think she was thinking? Can you imagine if she would have known the fullness of what would be brought through that child?

22. How did Naomi's identity change as well? Read Ruth 1:-20-21 and record the differences you see in her because of this redemption!!

23. Look up the names “obed”, “Jesse” and “David” what do they mean and how does this shed light on who they were!! So much meaning in a name! If you have time read up on the significance of each person! What are they known for and you will see that their names fit perfectly!

24. In these verses we see Naomi looking into the face of her legacy, what will last long after she is gone!

25. I gave you the definition I found, but look up the word “Legacy” in a bible dictionary or even on Blue Letter Bible search and record what you find!

26. In class we discussed how to leave a godly legacy! We went over five main ways but oh, there are many other ways as well! What were those five ways and what did you glean from each? Make a list and record what was most impactful in the season you are in and where you could use some growth!

27. Can you think of any other ways you can leave a godly legacy that does not fall under the five already discussed?

28. The fourth way to leave a godly legacy that we discussed was honoring the Lord. I wanted you to look the verses here that we covered because they are so powerful if you take the time to dig through them word by word! Look up the following verses and structure them or write them out, paying close attention to what honors the Lord. Then I want you to evaluate your thoughts, motives and intentions....do they look like these? What areas are you struggling in? Let the Spirit of God work on the inner parts of your heart through these verses and allow Him to change and transform you so that you can walk in the beauty of what our God has given you! Go slowly through these not missing any amount of wisdom!!

- Col 3:17

- Psalm 112:1-3

- Davids wish for his son Solomon: 1 Chron. 28:9

- David’s lasting legacy: Acts 13:36

29. The last one was on the will of God! What is the will of God? Look up the following verses and keep a chart or a log of all things you learn that are the will of God! Are you living in it? Practicing it? Walking in it?

- 1 Thess. 5:16-18

- Romans 12:1-2

- Micah 6:8

- Ephesians 5:16-21

- 1 Peter 2:15

30. After receiving all of this....let me ask you, if you were to go home to be with the Lord today, what kind of legacy Would you leave behind?

31. If you could change anything about how your legacy looks right now, what would it be?

32. Examine where your heart is right now, does your heart cry out to the Lord, “where you go I will go, where you stay I will stay, your people will be my people, your God, my God”?

33. God is looking for “sold out” people, people in which He can bring about generations of godly vessels used for His glory! Read the first part of 2 Chron 16:9a....is your heart completely His? Without excuse and without reservation? If not, what is 8taking His place right now? And what are you going to do about it?

34. Read verse 18-22, look up all the names and where they have been mentioned in scripture! As you look up the name in Blue letter Bible and scroll down to the bottom of the page you can see where they are located in other places of scripture!

35. Read Matthew 1:1-6, what do you see about the lineage of Christ in these verses that compare to the this section of scripture in Ruth!

36. In Bible study we talked about the women that God used in the lineage of Christ, why do you think He used them and what message is He trying to get across to us?

37. We see from Judges 21:25 and Ruth 1:1 God was preserving a nation, in the days when there was no king, God was preparing a king for the people. First through David and then ultimately the King of all kings, Jesus Christ! This was the message of the Word of God and the book of Ruth is such a pivotal point and picture of what God was doing all along! Record what you see about who God is in your Who is God journal! How does this strengthen your faith?

38. Not only was He preserving a nation but He was displaying His undeniable, unbelievable character through His creative hand throughout all generations and throughout all time!!

39. Read Leviticus 23 and record what you can find about the Old Testament Jewish festival of Shavuot or the festival of weeks! There is so much the Lord has given and such depth and detail as to why! List all you can see! We know Ruth is traditionally the book read during this festival...can you see why?

40. Read Exodus 23 as well and this same festival is called the feast of harvest! What further insight do you see here?

41. It is also known as the Day of the First Fruits in Numbers 28:26. How do all of these names Point to the beautiful message of our REDEEMER AND KING? Do you see the picture God is painting? Oh how I wish we had more time in Bible study to see all the wonderful puzzles and masterpieces together but wow!! Look at what our God has done!! This is the God we serve!!!

42. The OT Jews would celebrate this festival by waving the two loaves of wheat bread containing leaven before the Lord (read Lev. 23:17) as a symbol of the law given.... however, the law is perfect, there was no sin or leaven in the law...so What could God be trying to tell us? Two different harvests, two different people, both sinners, both He came to save!! One loaf representing the Jew and the other representing the gentile! How incredible is our God?! Write out a prayer of response to the Lord!

43. Now look at Acts 2, record what you see about Pentecost or the festival of weeks! This happened 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus Christ! What happened here?

44. The day of Passover, Judaism was born, on the day of Pentecost, Christianity was born! Shavuot was celebrating Moses receiving the law, now read Exodus 32 and record what happened when Moses came back to the people after he received the law! What was the consequence?

45. What happened after the disciples received the Holy Spirit and Peter preached his first sermon? What was the consequence?

46. Read 2 Cor. 3 in light of what you just learned!! How amazing is that?! For when the law brought death, the Spirit brings life!!

47. Look how God restores all things!! He redeems, He renews and He always has a perfect plan!! What does this tell you about the character of our God? What does this tell you about your own life?

48. Finish by writing out Ephesians 1:7 and praise the Lord for what He has done for you! Then go share this with someone else!! This good news is too amazing to keep to yourself!