

Talk it Over: Ruth

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Scriptures

Ruth 2

2 Corinthians 5:17

Romans 8:28

Key Thought

If you want something different, you'll have to do something different and be something different.

Start Thinking

Are you currently getting the love that you want? If not, why might that be?

Start Talking

What can we infer about the relationship between these ladies from Ruth's declaration to Naomi (Ruth 1:16-1)?

Start Sharing

- 1. What kind of love would you need to declare the loyalty that Ruth did to Naomi (Ruth 1:8-9)?*
- 2. What does it look like to be a "man/woman of standing", according to Ruth Chapter 2?*
- 3. What natural circumstances did God use to bring about His supernatural plans for Ruth in chapter 2?*
- 4. Read the promise from God in Romans 8:28. What is our role in this promise? How do we live that out?*
- 5. What was Naomi's specific prayer for Ruth (1:8-9)? Share a time*

when God answered a specific prayer for you.

- 6. The invitation of Jesus is to lay down our past so that God can do a new thing. What have you already laid down from your past? What might you still need to let go of so that God can do a new thing?*
- 7. Our God gives exceedingly and abundantly more than we can ask or imagine. If you lived like you believe this, what would that look like? How would it affect your ability to love God and love people?*
- 8. How could experiencing God's love enable you to extend that love to others? Share how you experience God's love. What does it look like to love others from an overflow of His love?*

Start Praying

Father, we thank you for the invitation to change direction and to become new in you! We thank you for your promise to use all circumstances to produce good things in us and help us to trust you in that. Teach us to be people of good standing and to love others with your "fresh start" kind of love. We love you Jesus. Amen

Start Doing

Choose your step. Make it personal!

- 1. What specific prayer do you need to pray today?*
- 2. Thinking of being a person of good standing, what is one way you can move in that direction?*
- 3. How can you lay down that thing that is a barrier to you being made new?*