

12. Ruth: The Faithful

To understand the whole story, you are encouraged to read the whole book of Ruth.

If time is an issue, think about dividing your reading throughout the day and answering the questions at night. You will want to meet this amazing, FAITHFUL lady.



A Few Questions:

What happened to Ruth in chapter 1 verse 4? _____

What did Ruth promise Naomi in Ruth 1:16, 17? _____

What was Ruth willing to do in Ruth 2:2? _____

What can we learn about Ruth from Boaz' words in Ruth 2:11, 12? _____

What did the townspeople think of Ruth (see Ruth 3:11)?

What happened in Ruth 4:9, 10? _____

At the end of the book of Ruth there is a genealogy. Whose name is listed last? (Ruth 4:22) _____

(This means that Ruth, the young widow from Moab, was King David's great-grandmother. She was also in the family line from which Jesus comes.)

Interesting Tidbits:

The book of Ruth happened during the time of the judges. (See Ruth 1:1.) This was a time when Israel had no king and *everyone did what was right in their own eyes*. (See Judges 21:25.) The interesting part, is that there were still some people who did what was right in God's eyes: Ruth (from Moab, a country that didn't honor God, but she did), Naomi, Boaz, Boaz' workers.

A Lesson from The Faithful:

It isn't easy to be faithful to God and His ways today. God has commands that we need to obey, even when it isn't popular. (See Exodus 20:1-17 for an example.) God is faithful to those who are faithful to Him. He has great promises/rewards for those who are faithful: Psalm 31:23; Psalm 37:28; Psalm 85:8; Psalm 97:10; Proverbs 2:7, 8; Proverbs 28:20; there are many more! Ruth may have lived thousands of years ago, but her faithfulness to those who loved God, and eventually her own decision to love and follow God, became her legacy of faithfulness, an incredible example for us today.

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