

Ruth: Pictures of God's Provision When Hope Is Lost

A Picture of Faithfulness

Ruth 1:14-22

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Introduction:

Faithfulness is always admired, but faithfulness in the face of adversity is inspirational. This type of faithfulness is exemplified by a group that picks up litter week after week while others continue to throw trash on the highway. In our text this morning, Ruth displays a positive picture of faithfulness, while Naomi provides negative examples of faithfulness. This morning, we will explore how faithfulness is developed through...

I. Naomi's P _____ (vv. 14-15)

"The LORD said to Abram:

'Go out from your land,
your relatives,
and your father's house

to the land that I will show you.'" Genesis 12:1

"And everyone who has left houses, brothers or sisters, father or mother, children, or fields because of My name will receive 100 times more and will inherit eternal life."

Matthew 19:29

Walking Point:

Faithfulness Requires C _____ !

"No servant can be the slave of two masters, since either he will hate one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You can't be slaves to both God and money."

Luke 16:13

II. Ruth's P _____ (vv. 16-18)

"Today you have affirmed that the Lord is your God and that you will walk in His ways, keep His statutes, commands, and ordinances, and obey Him."

Deuteronomy 26:17

Walking Point:

Faithfulness Requires A _____!

III. Naomi's P _____ (vv. 19-21)

"When Jesus saw her crying, and the Jews who had come with her crying, He was angry in His spirit and deeply moved."

John 11:33

"But Mary stood outside facing the tomb, crying. As she was crying, she stooped to look into the tomb."

John 20:11

Walking Point:

Faithfulness Requires R _____!