

RUTH

THE LOYAL LOVE OF GOD

Week 2: Redemption in Progress

God is not some distant, impersonal deity. He's actively working in our lives guiding us towards His good plans for us. When we look back to see how God worked in our past to lead us to our present, it gives us hope for our future because it ensures us that He's still writing our story. And even in times of disobedience, there's no decision He won't redeem.

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Ruth 2:1-23. This chapter is really all about God redeeming the pain caused by Elimelech's decision in chapter 1. What does Ruth's decision to go glean in the fields say about our role in redemption?
2. In verse 3, we learn that Ruth just happened to be working in Boaz's field. This was not a coincidence, but rather, divine providence. In the message, Shawn said that we all have these "it happened to be" moments. Describe one of these moments from your past that led you to the life you have now. What do you think your life would look like had you made a different decision? What does this say about God's *hesed* (loyal love) for you?
3. Like Elimelech and Naomi, sometimes we make decisions without inviting the guidance of the Holy Spirit, which always leads to regret. Has this ever happened to you? Describe. How can we limit, if not eliminate, regrets in our lives?
4. God is rewarding Ruth's faithfulness and redeeming Naomi's regret. How have you seen Him do this for you (try to answer both)?
5. In what ways does Boaz point us to Jesus?
6. What was your biggest takeaway from Sunday's message and/or this chapter?