

Sermon Notes

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RUTH: SURPRISING FAITHFULNESS

RUTH 1:1-5

Setting: Deuteronomy 30 & Judges

- Covenant faithfulness leading to life and prosperity...
 - "...then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess." (Deuteronomy 30:16)
- **Or** unfaithfulness and disobedience leading to death and destruction:
 - "You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess." (Deuteronomy 30:18)
- National chaos and disobedience:
 - "In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes." (Judges 21:25)

Big Themes in Ruth

- Where is God in the _____ and _____ of ordinary life?
 - His faithfulness finds expression through the _____ of his people.
- How does God accomplish his purposes when _____ is as it should be?
 - God accomplishes _____ things through the _____
_____ of _____ people.

Discussion Questions

1. Why are the covenant agreement and the events of Judges important for understanding the message of Ruth?
2. How might the book of Ruth offer encouragement for those living through either personal tragedy or national chaos today?

Worship Songs

- *Surely As the Morning*, Kirk Sauers and Paul Ranheim.
- *Doxology Creed*, Kirk Sauers, Paul Ranheim, and Thomas Ken.
- *Worthy Of It All*, David Brymer and Ryan Hall.
- *Jesus Is*, Taylor Leonhardt.