



Worship Service
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RUTH: Finding Hope in a Fallen World

Lesson Ten • Ruth 4:1-22
The Best Is Yet to Come

The Main Lesson of the Book of Ruth:

God will deliver His people from disappointment, and He will do so in the most SURPRISING ways.

The Best Is Yet to Come But...

1. God Will Surprise Us with His METHODS! Ruth 4:1-12

Principle

God may use a series of ZIGZAGS (and even setbacks) to deliver us rather than a straight line.

Signposts of God's Grace at Work

- The GIFT of Ruth

But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God." Ruth 1:16

- The PRESERVATION of Boaz

And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed by the LORD, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!" Naomi also said to her, "The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers." Ruth 2:20

- The CONCEPTION of Ruth's son

So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son. Ruth 4:13

2. God Will Surprise Us with His TIMING! Ruth 4:13-17

Principle

God may act SLOWLY to deliver us rather than speedily.

Two Observations About God's Timing

- God may DELAY deliverance.

And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." Ruth 4:17

- God wants to produce ENDURANCE in us.

Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope. Romans 5:3-4

3. God Will Surprise Us with His PERSPECTIVE! Ruth 4:17-22

Principle

God always has His ultimate PURPOSE in view rather than our immediate comfort.

How do we find hope in a fallen world?

God will deliver us, but we must TURN to Him and then LOOK for the surprising ways that He works!