

THE Story

Lesson 18 Chapter 9 The Faith of a Foreign Woman p.121-127

1. Chapter 9 opens with the story of a famine in the land and how one family made a decision to move to Moab. In what ways did this family's decision reflect these words from the end of the book Judges... "everyone did what was right in their own eyes"?

2. What were some of the losses that Naomi and Ruth faced?

How did each of them respond to these painful experiences?

3. On the middle of page 122 we read Ruth's statement of commitment to Naomi and to Naomi's God. What lessons may Ruth teach us about our following Christ no matter what is happening to us or around us?

4. Naomi was a person of faith, but she also questioned God and was deeply honest about her struggles. (bottom of p.122) In what ways did Naomi's losses impact how she viewed God and His work in her life?

Think about a time in your life when you were honest with God about your pain and hurt. What did you learn through that experience about God's presence and faithfulness?

5. Boaz was a man of amazing character and wisdom (p.123-126) What can we learn from Boaz's interactions with his workers, including Ruth?

6. What were some of the exemplary aspects of Ruth's heart, attitudes and behavior?

In what way do Ruth's actions and responses challenge you?

Encourage you?

7. On pages 126-127, Boaz offers another family member the opportunity to pay for and redeem the land of Naomi's dead husband and her two sons. When the other family member declines that offer, Boaz assumes the role as their "guardian/kinsman redeemer." How is this a picture of what Jesus has done for us?

8. How does the whole story of Ruth show the Lord's loving-kindness to ALL those who trust Him?

9. As you review this portion of God's inspired Word, what truths do you learn about our humanity....

sins to avoid &

examples to follow

our God...

His promises to claim &

His character to embrace