

THE STORY

Personal Devotion Questions

Chapter 9

The Faith of a Foreign Woman

Day One

1. How would you describe the relationship between Naomi and her daughter-in-law? Is there anything you can apply to your relationship with your in-laws or future in-laws?
2. Ruth and Boaz provided for Naomi. In what tangible ways can you provide for the less fortunate both in your family and your community?

Day Two

1. Boaz praised Ruth saying, “May the LORD repay you for what you have done [for Naomi]. May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge,” (p. 101). How did God answer Boaz’s prayer for Ruth? How does an “others-centered” life create blessings for the giver?
2. As you reflect on times of need in your life, when have you experienced divine providence and unexpected provision?
3. Character is revealed by what we do, what we say, and often by what others say about us. How does Boaz serve as an example of a godly man or Ruth as a godly woman for you?

Day Three

1. The theme of redemption is found throughout this story. Compare Boaz’s redemption of Ruth and Naomi to how Christ has redeemed you.
2. Faithful Boaz and Ruth were great-grandparents to King David, and therefore they were also in the line of Messiah Jesus. Who in your family tree has been a godly example to you? Who in your OHC family stands as an example of godliness?