

V. KNOW **WHO** YOU WORK FOR (2:19-21)

RUTH
Loss, Love And Legacy
Moving Forward In Favor
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INTRODUCTION

- A. There are only two books of the Bible named after women, Esther and Ruth. Ruth is a short, four chapter narrative that wraps together the human experience of loss, love and legacy with the divine hope and sovereignty of a redeeming God.

It takes place during the book of Judges when Israel was in a dark place far from God (Judges 17:6; 21:25). Ruth provides a sparkle of light when the provision of the kinsman-redeemer is introduced (Christ is our Kinsman-Redeemer).

Ruth has been called “the Cinderella of the Bible” because it is the story of a Moabite woman who forsakes her pagan heritage in order to cling to the God and people of Israel. God rewards her by giving her a new husband (Boaz), a son (Obed), and an honored position in the lineage of David (she is his great-grandmother) and most of all Christ.

VI. BE **FAITHFUL** AND **LOYAL** TILL THE END (2:22-23)

- B. In this series, you will discover...

May 13	Rebuilding Your Life After A Loss
May 20	When Bad Things Happen To God’s People
May 27	Five Ways To Show Love
June 3	From Heartache To Hope
TODAY	Moving Forward In Favor
June 17	Boaz – A Righteous Man
June 24	Sweet Redemption!

CONCLUSION: What did God say to you through this message? What specific next steps will you take to bring your life into obedience with this Word?

- C. **TEXT:** Ruth 2:10-23 (Pew Bible/Pg. 260/Old Testament)

MOVING FORWARD IN FAVOR

I. MAKE YOUR MISSION **OTHERS** (2:10-11)

II. **WORK** HARD (2:12, 15-17)

III. **ASK** FOR IT (2:13)

IV. LIVE A **SELFLESS** LIFE (2:14, 18)