

## Cornerstone Message Notes

“God Is Able to Rescue & Redeem” (The Book of Ruth)

“The Greatest Stories of the Bible” series - part 9

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**THEME** / (The Sermon In a Sentence or Two)

The story of Ruth & Naomi & Boaz is a story of & for you & me & everyone.

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**APPLICATION** / (What to Do with What You Hear)

Like Ruth, remember there’s always more than meets the eye & that God’s compassion is limitless in its ability to rescue & power to redeem.

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**FOCUS** / (The Core of the Content to Get Us Started)

In a song called “He Who Began a Good Work” (from Philippians 1:6), the songwriter celebrates this truth concerning every true believer with these words: *“If the trouble you’re facing is slowly replacing your hope with despair, or the process is long and you’re losing your song in the night; you can be sure that the Lord has His hand on you, safe and secure He will never abandon you, you are His treasure and He finds His pleasure in you ...”* ... isn’t that good news?!

The book of Ruth is a story of redemption. Hopefully we’ll all be reminded in a very fresh way that God is aware & able, present & powerful, gracious & good.

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### What We Learn from the Story of Ruth

1. HEARTACHE can be RELENTLESS & NO ONE is EXEMPT from HEARTACHE.

It’s a recurring theme in this not-going-to-last-forever-world in which we live.

Ruth 1:1-5ff

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2. God uses PEOPLE to DO His WILL & SHOW His LOVE.

This is the main way He does what He does today. We are His body.

Ruth 2

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3. Look for GOD in the LITTLE THINGS.

Sometimes God is making His presence known & we blow right by it & Him.

Ruth 3

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4. Expect His GRACE, MERCY & REDEMPTION to PREVAIL.

Eventually they always do & ultimately will.

Ruth 4

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### Making It Real Questions

1] What’s been your experience with this truth? Are you convinced it’s everyone’s story?

2] Have you found this to be true in your life? If so, what examples do you have?

3] Can you see that the little things are what qualify the big things?

4] Will you cry out for this expectation to be yours?

### Action Step

Answer those four questions in a thoughtful & prayerful letter to God.