

The Greatest Love Story Ruth 2 Sunday, July 9, 2023 Nick Shorts

The story of Ruth is a refreshing romance that highlights a blossoming relationship between two people, but also the love of God for those who follow Him.

The faith of Naomi is \_\_\_\_\_

God is faithful to \_\_\_\_\_ those who have faith in Him

The faith of Ruth is \_\_\_\_\_

**NEXT STEPS:** Naomi shows us a growing faith by turning back to God in a season of bitterness. What is something you used to pray for that you never saw answered by the Lord? In faith, pray for that again this week.



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## **CONNECT** (ask this question to check-in with your group)

Share two blessings in your life that you are grateful for this week. If you can, share blessings from God that resulted from faithful actions inspired by Him.

DISCUSS (use some of these questions to process God's Word together)

**1.** What is intriguing about love stories? Why do we get excited when there is a possibility for a favorable union? How might this point us to God's design for His love for the church?

**2.** What do we mean when we use the word blessed? What does the word mean in verses 19 and 20? How does this point us toward the promises of God?

**3.** Ruth, Boaz, and Naomi all demonstrate faith in slightly different ways. Which state of faith is most inspiring to you?

**4.** Ruth chapter 2 shows us that God is faithful to bless those who follow Him in faith, but Scripture also tells us that the faithful are often persecuted. What is your motivation to have faith?