

**Ruth: From Brokenness to Blessing!**  
**Unusual Suspects! Pt. 5**  
**Book of Ruth**

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**Job 42:10**, After Job had prayed for his friends, the LORD restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before.

**Lessons From Ruth:**

**1. A Broken Start Doesn't Mean a BITTER END**

**Deuteronomy 23:3**, No Ammonite or Moabite or any of their descendants may enter the assembly of the LORD, not even in the tenth generation.

**Ruth 1:3**, Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. **4** They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, **5** both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

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**Ruth 1:20**, "Don't call me Naomi," she told them. "Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter.

**21** I went away full, but the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi? The LORD has afflicted me; the Almighty has brought misfortune upon me."

**2. Be Faithful in the Fields of the ORDINARY**

**Ruth 2:3**, So she went out, entered a field and began to glean behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she was working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelek.

**Leviticus 23:22**, "When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you. I am the LORD your God."

**Ruth 2:12**, "May the LORD repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."

**Ruth 2:14**, At mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come over here. Have some bread and dip it in the wine vinegar." When she sat down with the harvesters, he offered her some roasted grain. She ate all she wanted and had some left over.

**Ruth 2:20**, "The LORD bless him!" Naomi said to her daughter-in-law. "He has not stopped showing his kindness to the living and the dead." She added, "That man is our close relative; he is one of our guardian-redeemers."

**Galatians 6:9**, Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

**3. Bold Risks Unlock Divine REWARDS**

**Ruth 3:1**, One day Ruth's mother-in-law Naomi said to her, "My daughter, I must find a home for you, where you will be well provided for. **2** Now Boaz, with whose women you have worked, is a relative of ours. Tonight he will be winnowing barley on the threshing floor. **3** Wash, put on perfume, and get dressed in your best clothes. Then go down to the threshing floor, but don't let him know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking."

**Ruth 3:9**, "Who are you?" he asked. "I am your servant Ruth," she said. "Spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a guardian-redeemer of our family." **10** "The LORD bless you, my daughter," he replied. "This kindness is greater than that which you showed earlier: You have not run after the younger men, whether rich or poor. **11** And now, my daughter, don't be afraid. I will do for you all you ask. All the people of my town know that you are a woman of noble character."

**Deuteronomy 25:5**, If brothers are living together and one of them dies without a son, his widow must not marry outside the family. Her husband's brother shall take her and marry her and fulfill the duty of a brother-in-law to her. **6** The first son she bears shall carry on the name of the dead brother so that his name will not be blotted out from Israel.

#### **4. Expectant Hope Waits on God's TIMING**

**Ruth 4:13**, So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When he made love to her, the LORD enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. **14** The women said to Naomi: "Praise be to the LORD, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! **15** He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth." **16** Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him. **17** The women living there said, "Naomi

has a son!" And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

**Matthew 1:5**, Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, **6** and Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife,