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**Hope at Harvest Time**

Ruth 2:17-23

**Returning from the First Day on the Job**

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**A Big Revelation and Realization**

Ruth 2:19b-20

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: “He has not stopped showing his kindness to the living and the dead.”

Ruth 2:20b

A Reason for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: “That man is our close relative; he is one of our guardian-redeemers.

Ruth 2:20c

**THE MAIN POINT →** There is never a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ point to God’s loving \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Deuteronomy 10:17-19; Psalm 100:5; Psalm 117:2; Ezekiel 12:28

**The Rest of the Harvest Season**

Ruth 2:21-23, Deuteronomy 16:9-12

**A Reality of Life**: Even when things turn for the better, something is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Ruth 2:23; Philippians 1:21

**Living in Light of God’s Faithfulness**

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is never off.

Ecclesiastes 3:1; Habakkuk 2:3; Acts 1:7; Galatians 4:4

2. Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Doing the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ often involves risk, sacrifice, or hard work, but it’s worth it.

1 Corinthians 15:58; 2 Corinthians 11:18-28

3. Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: The way we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the less fortunate speaks volumes about our faith.

Deuteronomy 10:17-19; James 1:27

4. Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Today’s blessings are just a foretaste of the greater blessing we’re \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 8:23-25

**Christ Connection**

Jesus is the greater Boaz, whose \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ endures forever.

Psalm 107:1

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**The Rest of the Harvest Season**

Ruth 2:21-23, Deuteronomy 16:9-12

**A Reality of Life**: Even when things turn for the better, something is **STILL MISSING**.

Ruth 2:23; Philippians 1:21

**Living in Light of God’s Faithfulness**

1. Be **PATIENT**: God’s **TIMING** is never off.

Ecclesiastes 3:1; Habakkuk 2:3; Acts 1:7; Galatians 4:4

2. Be **GOOD**: Doing the **RIGHT THING** often involves risk, sacrifice, or hard work, but it’s worth it.

1 Corinthians 15:58; 2 Corinthians 11:18-28

3. Be **COMPASSIONATE**: The way we **TREAT** the less fortunate speaks volumes about our faith.

Deuteronomy 10:17-19; James 1:27

4. Be **HOPEFUL**: Today’s blessings are just a foretaste of the greater blessing we’re **WAITING FOR**.

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**For Further Study**

(Readings and Questions for Life Groups or Personal Study)

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**Getting Started**

Tell about a moment in your life that has reminded you of God’s faithfulness.

In what ways is God’s faithfulness different from human faithfulness? How does this help you appreciate God’s faithfulness even more?

**Digging Deeper**

Read the following texts. What common promise do you find present in all four passages? What does this promise teach you about God’s faithfulness?

* Genesis 17:7-8
* Exodus 6:7
* Deuteronomy 29:13
* Revelation 21:3-7

Read Philippians 4:15-18. In what ways did the Christians in Philippi reflect the faithfulness of God to Paul? How does this encourage you to show faithfulness to your family? Your church? Your employer?

Read Philippians 4:19. What assurance is God’s Word giving you? In what ways does this assurance encourage you in your faith?

**Driving It Home**

On Sunday, Marttell mentioned four ways to live in light of God’s faithfulness. On a scale of 1-5, how would your score yourself in each one of these areas? Pick one area you want to grow in, then spend time in prayer asking God to help you in that area.

* Being Patient
* Being Morally Good
* Being Compassionate
* Being Hopeful