Ruth 1:6-22

3 Responses to the Lord so that You will Excel in Your Faith

What do we learn about the Lord throughout this passage?

A Deflated Faith e.g. Naomi (vv. 8-13, 20-21)

A Denial of Faith e.g. Orpah (vv. 14-15)

A Definition of Faith e.g. Ruth (vv. 16-17)

Application of Ruth 1:6-22

- 1. It is so easy to take for granted the food we eat or the people around us, without acknowledging that it is the Lord's provision. What are some other things/people you may take for granted or not commonly thank the Lord for? Spend some time to thank the Lord for these provisions this week.
- 2. Do you have bitterness toward God? Do you have wrong ideas about God? Have you judged God based on your circumstances, rather than accepted the truth of His Word? If so, ask God to forgive you for such sin and then find verses that speak the truth into your wrong ideas. Write out these verses and pray them to God, asking for His help. If you need help come and see me ©
- 3. Do you know anyone with a deflated faith that you can support, encourage and love (like Ruth to Naomi)?
- 4. Is there anything tempting you to follow after other gods rather than live wholeheartedly for the Lord (e.g. Orpah)? If so, turn this over to the Lord and ask Him to help you be steadfast in your faith to Him
- 5. Are you prepared to follow the Lord no matter what the cost (e.g. Ruth)? Will you give up everything to live for Him? (Read and pray through Luke 14:25-33)
- 6. Study what it means to love as defined by the Bible. Start by reading 1 Cor 13:4-7 and the example of God's love (e.g. John 3:16; 15:13; Rom 5:8; Gal 2:20; Ephesians 5:2; 1 John 4:10)

<u>Reading this week:</u> Read chapter 1 of Ruth each day this week and the whole book of Ruth in one sitting at least once this week.

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date	Pastor					
Book	Sermon Main Points 3 Responses to the Lord so that You will Excel in Your Faith				Other Bible References:	
Chapter	(vv. 8-13, 20-21) A D of Faith e.g					
Verses	(vv. 14-15) A D of Faith e.g (vv. 16-17)					
Words you heard God/Lord	during the seri	mon (tally each	time)	Naomi	Orpah	Ruth
What is the mess	age about?					
How can you do	this?					
What/who can yo	ou pray for?					
Draw a picture re	elated to the me	essage:				