

## **Ruth 2:17-23**

### **A Love that Does Not Forsake**

## **Application of Ruth 2:17-23**

1. Ruth worked hard until late at night and even brought her left overs from lunch to Naomi. She doesn't seem to show bitterness or resentment toward Naomi who appears to have done absolutely nothing. Do you love from such pure, selfless motives or is your love sometimes (maybe often) based on the actions of others? Ask the Lord to forgive you for wrongfully motivated love and ask His help to love no matter what. Is there someone you can commit to loving in this way this week?
2. What are some ways you can invest into people's lives? Like Ruth and Boaz both practically demonstrated love at cost to themselves, how can you personally be involved in loving others? E.g. have a meal with someone (not just give them a meal), help with a project (don't just help fund a project), connect deeply with people (not just superficially).
3. We should not be surprised at the Lord's steadfast love ("Hesed" in Hebrew), because He is the definition of love. Find some other verses in the Bible that describe the Lord's love and use these to thank the Lord for His faithful love in your life. If you want some helpful tips on this exercise let me know!
4. Naomi's bitterness changed to blessing when she understood the truth and reality of the Lord's steadfast love in her life. Are there truths in your life you need to reflect on and praise the Lord for, to help you through a challenging time?

Reading this week: Read chapter 2 of Ruth each day this week and the whole book of Ruth in one sitting at least once this week. I'd also encourage you to read Ps 136 about the Lord's everlasting steadfast love

## Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u>	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
<u>Chapter</u>		
<u>Verses</u>		

### Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Lord	Boaz	“Hesed”	Love	Naomi	Ruth	Work/working

What is the message about? \_\_\_\_\_

How can you do this? \_\_\_\_\_

What/who can you pray for? \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a picture related to the message: