

Today:

Loyalty Matters!

Because God uses *ordinary people*,
in *ordinary circumstances*, to
accomplish His *extraordinary plan*!

Judges

Ruth

1& 2 Samuel

“Ruth is God’s providential hand in the plain and ordinary issues of life.”

E. Peterson

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Ruth 4:17



Ruth-

“Your people will be my people, **your God** shall be **my God**...May the **Lord** deal with me ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me.” 1: 17



Naomi-

“...the **Almighty** has made my life bitter. I went away full, but the LORD has **brought me back empty.**” 1: 20

Ruth-



...she is a Moabite - a foreigner.



Boaz-

“Boaz replied, ‘I have been told **all** about what **you** have done for your mother-in-law...May the LORD richly bless you, under whose wings you have come to take **refuge**.’” 2:11-12

“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 kinsman-redeemers.” 2:20



Ruth-

“Spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a kinsman-redeemer.”

3:9



Boaz-

“I will do as you ask. All my fellow townsmen know that you are a woman of **noble character**.” 3: 11

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I cannot redeem...



“Then the elders and all the people at the gate said, ‘We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the family of Israel...’

Boaz took Ruth to be his wife, he went to her,
and the the LORD enabled her to conceive and
she gave birth to a son.” 4: 11;13



“Praise be to the LORD, who this day has not left you without a kinsman-redeemer...He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age.”

4:14-15

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Jesus came **ONCE**; He is coming **AGAIN!**

AND...

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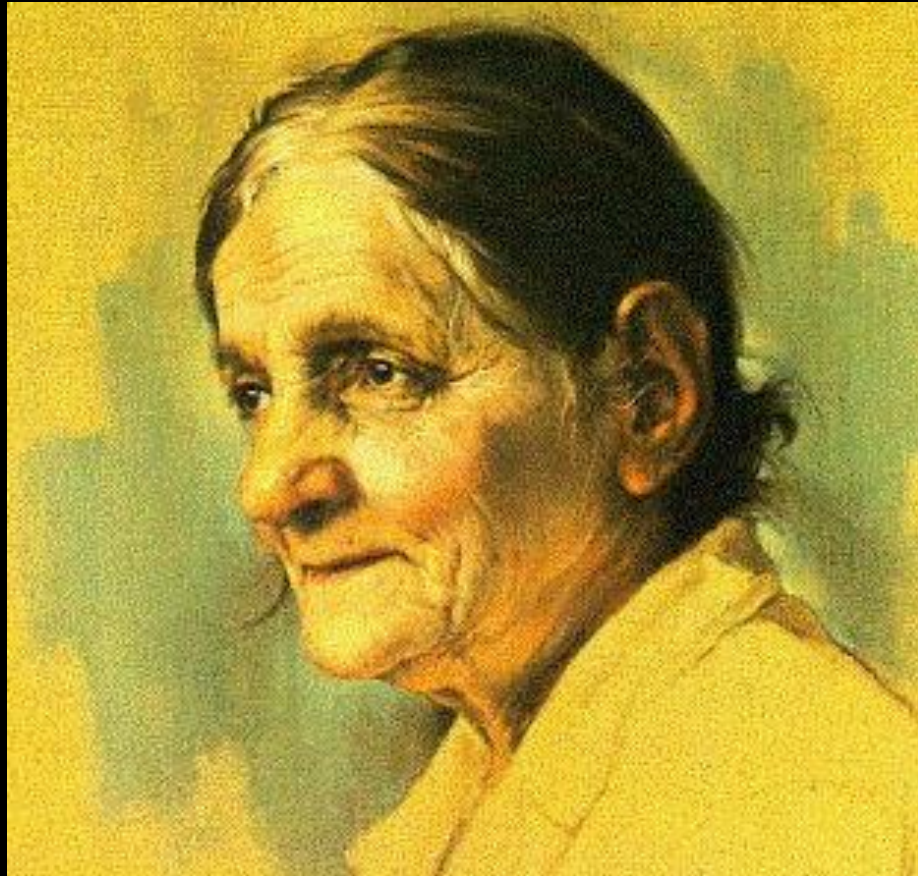
“But we have this treasure in **jars of clay...**”

2 Cor. 4:7



HOW

does God use *ordinary people*, in
ordinary circumstances, to
accomplish His *extraordinary plan*?



Naomi-

Prayers of **HONEST HURT** with **ASSURED HOPE**

“I have been able to give Glory to God thru this cancer more than any other time in my life.”

What type of prayers are
you **praying**?

Ruth-



True security is found in obedience to God,
which frees you up to be Courageous, so you
can focus on others.

Where are you turning
for security?

What type of wealth are
you pursuing?



Boaz-

Choose **RESPONSIBILITY**. It creates opportunity for God to show you His awesome **ABILITY**!

Because I live....

You have **HOPE** amidst the deepest **HURTS**.

True **security** is found in a life of **obedience**.

Pursue true **wealth** in serving **others**.

Embrace **responsibility** as it could be a Divine **opportunity**.

Because I am a God...

who uses *ordinary people*, in
ordinary circumstances, to
accomplish My *extraordinary plan*!