Ruth: The Book of Love

Bible Class Series

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Lesson One: Love Through Suffering & Separation

TEXT: Ruth 1:1-22

I. Love Endures All Things

Ruth 1:1-5

I Corinthians 13:7

Q: How did they endure severe hardships?

Q: What can we learn from their example?

II. Love Does Not Fail

Ruth 1:6-14

I Corinthians 13:8

Q: How can we see that love sustained them both?

Q: What can we learn from their endurance?

III. Love Bears All Things

Ruth 1:14-18

I Corinthians 13:7

Q: Why is love such a strong bond?

Q: What does it mean to "bear" things together?

IV. Love Suffers Long

Ruth 1:19-22

I Corinthians 13:4

Q: Why does this story need to be told and retold?

Q: Who is to be glorified in this story?

Lesson Two: Love Through Sacrifice & Servanthood

TEXT: Ruth 2:1-22

I. Love Does Not Seek Its Own

Ruth 2:1-4

I Corinthians 13:5

Q: What does it mean to have sacrificial love?

Q: Why was Ruth so compelled to serve Naomi?

II. Love Is Not Provoked

Ruth 2:5-9

I Corinthians 13:5

Q: Why does Boaz take notice of Ruth?

Q: How is Ruth treated? Why is this important?

III. Love Is Kind

Ruth 2:10-17

I Corinthians 13:4

Q: Why does Boaz decide to be kind to Ruth?

Q: How does this impact her work?

IV. Love Thinks No Evil

Ruth 2:18-22

I Corinthians 13:5

Q: How did Naomi take the news?

Q: What does Ruth see? What does Naomi see?

Lesson Three: Love Through Subjection & Submission

TEXT: Ruth 3:1-18

I. Love Believes All Things

Ruth 3:1-7

I Corinthians 13:7

Q: Why does Naomi make a plan so quickly?

Q: How does Ruth react to the plan?

II. Love Does Not Rejoice In Iniquity

Ruth 3:8-13

I Corinthians 13:6

Q: How did Boaz feel about Ruth's presence?

Q: Why was he so worried about the situation?

III. Love Does Not Behave Rudely

Ruth 3:14-15

I Corinthians 13:5

Q: What did Ruth do? What did Boaz do?

Q: How did Boaz bless her?

IV. Love Does Not Parade Itself

Ruth 3:16-18

I Corinthians 13:4

Q: How can we see the innocence of Ruth in this specific story?

Q: What is Naomi's reaction?

Lesson Four: Love Through Supplication & Salvation

TEXT: Ruth 4:1-22

I. Love Does Not Envy

Ruth 4:1-4

I Corinthians 13:4

Q: What are the similarities between these men?

Q: What are the differences between these men?

II. Love Is Not Puffed Up

Ruth 4:5-8

I Corinthians 13:4

Q: How did Boaz handle the situation?

Q: Why is this so important to Boaz?

III. Love Rejoices In The Truth

Ruth 4:9-12

I Corinthians 13:6

Q: How did Boaz respond? Ruth? Naomi?

Q: How can we know that this was true love?

IV. Love Hopes All Things

Ruth 4:13-22

I Corinthians 13:7

Q: How does the story end?

Q: Why is this significant?