

RUTH | WHY HAVE I FOUND FAVOR?

RUTH 2:1-23

The Book of Ruth takes place during the dark days of the Judges. Naomi left Israel with her husband Elimelech and sons, Mahlon and Chilion in the days of Israel's famine. They stayed in Moab instead of returning to the Promised Land that God set aside for Israel to occupy. Her husband and both of her sons tragically died in Moab. Naomi and her daughters-in-law were all widowed, experiencing the pain of death and the threat of poverty. Naomi pleaded for her daughters-in-law to go back to their families and find a husband and a new life. Orpah left, but Ruth clung to Naomi. Naomi returned to Israel thinking she was empty, but God had other plans. In His lovingkindness, God would take care of her with those who show her and each other His incredible loyal love. What does the lovingkindness of God look like?

1. Godly lovingkindness is shown in _____, _____, and _____.
2. One who practices godly lovingkindness is _____ to the _____ of God's law.
3. God is working out His lovingkindness even when we are _____ of it.