

Sunday, 12-03-2023

2023-2024 Winter Quarter

Unit I: Profiles in Faith

Lesson 1: The Faith of Ruth

Bible Background: Ruth 1; 4:13-22

Printed Text: Ruth 1:6-18, 22 KJV/NIV

Devotional Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Prayer: *To You, O God, we give thanks for all the good things You have done. We are forever grateful for Your steadfast love that continues to guide us even when our faith grows weary and begins to falter. We thank You for bonds of friendship and loyalty made possible through Your unending love for us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen*

Exposition and Application of the Scripture: – The Faith of Ruth – Ruth 1:6-18, 22

A. The Unexpected Challenges of Life (vv. 6-7) – pp. 132-133

- What tragedies am I allowing to cause me to go backward instead of forward?
- Do I wallow in self-pity/doubt or get up to see what God has in store for me? – **Exodus 4:31**
- Is doing nothing a Christ like option? – **1 Peter 1:13-16**

B. When Fate Bids Us Not to Turn Back (vv. 8-14) – p. 133

- How convicted am I to stay in times of despair? – **Tue: “Peter’s Test of Faith” – Matthew 26:31-35**
- Am I allowing others to push me away from where I belong? – **Proverbs 20:3-7**
- Has my love/trust for God convicted me to not look back? – **Luke 9:62**
- Does my past have any hold on me that hinders my walk with Jesus?

C. A Determination Born of Faith (vv. 15-18) – p. 134

- Am I leaving others more vulnerable than there needs to be? – **Wed: “Hear God’s Voice” – Hebrews 3:7-19**
- What have I renounced to follow the one true God?
- Is my faith in man or in God?

D. The God of New Beginnings (v. 22) – p. 134

- Do I look for any good in a bad situation?
- What can help me find my way back to God’s redeeming grace and guidance?
- How is redemption given? – **p. 135**