

## SO WHAT

- How do these simple lessons on love help you in your present relationships?
- Are there people around you that seem difficult to love at the moment? Which of the three lessons do you need to practice?
- How convinced are you of God's enduring love for you? How do you see this confidence in your life?

## NOW WHAT

- What ideas about love do you think you need to change?
- How can you demonstrate biblical love more in light of what you have learned?
- Who are the people around you who need to hear about God's enduring love? When will you share this to them?

## PRAYER

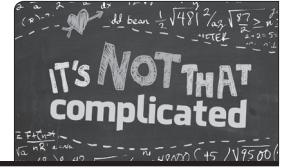
- Pray for the salvation of your unsaved loved ones.
- Ask God for the grace to endure hardship or persecution (if any). May you persevere in His hope and love until breakthrough comes.
- Believe God for the grace to keep doing the right thing, serving in love, and honoring others before self.



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## WEEK 3

# Boaz and Ruth



## NOTES

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## CONNECT

- Have you ever asked a very big favor from someone you barely knew? How did it go?
- What favor have you given someone that, in your opinion, was going the extra mile? How did you do it?
- Recall the time when you waited for a really long time. What was it for? What happened?

## WORD

<sup>11</sup>But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? . . . <sup>16</sup>But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. <sup>17</sup>Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me." RUTH 1:11,16,17

## WHAT

This story was birthed from a very unfortunate incident—Ruth's mother-in-law Naomi lost her husband and two sons, one of them was her husband. While they were encouraged by Naomi to return to their hometowns as she returns to Judah, Ruth chose to stick it out with her and tended to her needs while she was grieving. In the end, God surprised them with a turnaround that led to the birth of the kings of Israel and ultimately the Messiah. What does this story teach us about love?

### 1 Love perseveres.

<sup>2</sup>And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favor." Naomi said to her, "Go ahead, my daughter." <sup>3</sup>So she went out and began to glean in the fields behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she found herself working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelech. RUTH 2:2,3

The need of the hour was to have food to eat and so Ruth wasted no time and began to work. She assumed the low status of a servant. It was a labor of love following a faith confession in Ruth 1:16,17. God is pleased when our love is with action and truth (1 John 3:18; 1 Thessalonians 1:3). He responds with favor. What can be said about Ruth's character (Ruth 2:11,12)?

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### 2 Love is shown in obedience and honor.

<sup>5</sup>"I will do whatever you say," Ruth answered. <sup>6</sup>So she went down to the threshing floor and did everything her mother-in-law told her to do. RUTH 3:5,6

Ruth obeyed her mother-in-law's instructions. Though it was risky and perhaps fearful on her part, she honored Naomi and the practices of her people. Ultimately, Ruth's obedience and act of giving honor to Naomi showed that she trusted God (Ruth 3:11-13). What does the Bible say about honoring parents and authorities in our lives? What blessing does this bring?

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### 3 Love endures.

<sup>13</sup>So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. Then he went to her, and the LORD enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. <sup>14</sup>The women said to Naomi: "Praise be to the LORD, who this day has not left you without a kinsman-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! <sup>15</sup>He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth." RUTH 4:13-15

Ultimately, this love story was to endure for all time because it is the very story of God's love for us. Through Boaz and Ruth was to be born the Savior of the world—a very accurate picture of God coming to our rescue (Ezekiel 16:8) through Jesus, our Redeemer. Whose love endures and is sure to last forever (1 Peter 1:18,19)?

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