

Women of the Bible:

Ruth

First: Start with the facts from each passage:

Second: What would her life have been like at this time

Third: What traits do we discover about her

Fourth: How did God work through this person, even after their mistake(s)

Fifth: What inspiration or lessons can be learned?

Ruth 1:3-5

Ruth 1:6-22

Ruth 2:1-23

Ruth 3:1-18

Ruth 4:1-22

Matthew 1:5

Lessons for Our Lives:

DID YOU NOTICE:

Ruth—means: Companion, friend, vision of Beauty

Boaz-- means: strength is within him

Obed—means: servant, workman

Book would be read during harvest festival because it takes place and shows how the poor were treated with sympathy and love. It also speaks of the start of David's line

Ruth 1:3-5 Ruth married Mahlon. It's interesting that a Jewish source suggests that these Moabite women were royalty. It goes on to speculate that they were disenchanted with their false gods and won over by the faith of this Jewish family. The source focuses the attention on Naomi .

Ruth 1:6-22 Mention is made of returning to "mother's home." For a patriarchal society this is interesting. Promise of Ruth to her mother-in-law has been used in countless weddings through the years. Ruth is making a complete break with her native land and family.

Ruth 2:1-23 Ruth's hard work and dedication to her mother-in-law was noticed by the foreman and rewarded by Boaz. Noteworthy that Boaz shared a meal with his harvesters and Ruth. Ruth cared for her mother-in-law.

Ruth 3:1-18 Ruth had not sought another husband. She follows Naomi's direction and is willing to commit herself to a man who has cared and protected her through the harvest.

Ruth 4:1-22 Boaz was receiving land in addition to Ruth. Ruth is compared to Tamar (another young woman who married a much older man in Boaz' family line). Ruth's child is credited to Naomi. Ruth became the great grandmother of David.

Matthew 1:5 Ruth and her mother-in-law (mother of Boaz; Rahab) were both Gentiles.