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Ruth 3 & Various Passages

Sunday, July 23, 2023

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The story of Ruth highlights a vital truth about our God—that He goes out of His way to care for, protect, and love women who are made in His image.

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A Call to _____

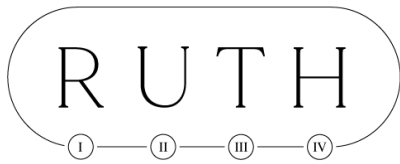
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NEXT STEPS:

Men: Find a practical way to bless/care for a woman in your life/ community, and do that this week.

Women: Pick one story from Scripture of God caring for a woman. Read the story and meditate on how it reveals God's heart for you.

NEXT WEEK: Ruth Chapter 3



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Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org/groups

CONNECT *(ask this question to check-in with your group)*

In light of our Ruth/Reel Grace Summer, share a favorite movie/show/story of yours where the main character of the story is a woman.

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Male or female, what has been your experience around this topic of the God of the Bible and His care for women?
2. Studies show that wherever Christianity spreads, it usually attracts more females than males. Why do you think that is?
3. Read Genesis 1:26–28 and discuss how this text sets the foundation for how God views women, how women should view themselves, and how men should view women.

4. Read through and observe what's happening in the story in Luke 7:36–50 again. Then discuss what this story reveals about Jesus' care for women.

5. Share about a woman who has made a spiritual impact in your life.

6. What questions or concerns do you still have in regards to this biblical topic?

7. **Digging Deeper:** One of the reasons it's common to hear phrases like, "the Bible demeans women" is because on a first read, there are several Scriptures that can sound that way. Try reading Exodus 21:7–11 together. At first glance, this text doesn't sound favorable for women, but with a closer read and some cultural imagination, you can see God is caring for and protecting women. Can you see how?

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Thank God for His example of tender care toward women.
- Thank God for godly women He has used to shape you in life.
- Pray for women in our community and world who are used and abused.
- Share life updates, praises, and prayer requests, and pray for one another.