<u>Heroes: By Faith</u>

The Story of God Told Through the Heroes of Old

The Story of Ruth Offers the Promise of Redemption

Chapter 1 – Ruth's Sorrow

Chapter 2– Ruth's Service

Chapter 3 – Ruth's Surrender

Chapter 4 – Ruth's Satisfaction

Application Point #1 - God Rules

- Hebrews 2:8
- Ephesians 3:20-21

Application Point #2 – Embrace God's Redemption

• Ephesians 1:7-14

Chapter headings offered by Pastor Ralph Andrus of Calvary Baptist Church



Questions for Reflection:

- 1. In the time of the Judges, "everyone did what was right in their own eyes." (Judges 21:25). How does the high character of Ruth and Boaz inspire us to live differently despite difficult circumstances?
- 2. Naomi had some hard thoughts towards God in her grief and sorrow. Where was her faith evident in this and where was it lacking? How can this inform how we related to God in hard times?
- 3. Redemption stories are everywhere. Why are we so drawn to stories of redemption? How does your story of redemption in Christ mirror these feelings?
- 4. Where do you see God's sovereignty in Ruth? Where do you see it operating in your own life? In what areas do you struggle to believe God is in control?
- 5. What makes Ruth a hero in this story? How does this point us to Christ?

Heroes: By Faith – Series Plan

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Questions for Parents and Kids

The story of Ruth is not found in the Jesus Storybook Bible but is short and very simple to follow.

Consider questions like:

God is not mentioned as doing anything in the story but he's definitely there. Where do you see God working in the story?

Where do you see the characters trusting God, even when they can't see him?

Ruth trusted God when things were very hard for her. Do you think you can trust God when bad things happen?

