

***Faithful in the Field* — Pastor Carolyn Shuttlesworth**

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A 5-Day Devotional on Ruth:

Theme: God honors faithfulness, even in the hidden or what may seem like a hard place.

Key Verse: “May the Lord reward you for your kindness. May the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully.” – *Ruth 2:12 NLT*

Day 1: When the Road Gets Hard

Scripture: Read Ruth 1:1–18

Main Focus: Ruth's choice to stay with Naomi

Devotional Thought:

Ruth's world was turned upside down—widowed, grieving, and facing the unknown. Yet she made a bold, faith-filled choice: “*Your God will be my God.*” When everything in her life said “walk away,” **Ruth chose loyalty, love, and faith.** Choosing those 3 things are sure ingredients to receive the manifestations of God.

Reflection Question:

Where is God asking you to stay faithful even though it's difficult?

Prayer and Declaration:

Lord, help me trust You when the path ahead feels uncertain. Your Word says the steps of a righteous man are ordered (Psalm 37:23) Thank you Jesus for giving me strength to stay when it would be easier to leave. I'm a strong woman of God and I carry the spirit of faith. Amen

Day 2: There's Purpose in the Ordinary

Scripture: Read Ruth 2:1–7

Main Focus: Ruth gleaning in the field

Devotional Thought:

Ruth didn't know that her small act of gleaning in a field was part of a divine setup. When the scripture says to “glean in the fields” it means to gather leftover grain from a harvested field. It was a practice where the poor and those in need would follow behind the reapers and collect any grain that had fallen to the ground or was missed during the main harvest. This allowed them to provide food for themselves and their families.

She wasn't chasing greatness—she was just doing the next right thing. And God was already working in the background.

Reflection Questions:

What part of my daily routine could have a deeper purpose than I realize?

Is there something I've overlooked that God might be using for something greater?

What simple step of obedience could be connected to something bigger God is doing?

Prayer and Declaration:

Jesus, give me eyes to see the value in what feels small right now. Remind me that you are at work even in the mundane. You are working when I'm sleeping. You are working when I am awake. You are working even when I don't see it. The Bible says in Psalm 121:4 the Lord doesn't slumber or sleep. Thank you for always working on my behalf. I will be a woman who trusts your Word. I am willing and obedient. Amen.

Day 3: Favor Follows the Faithful

Scripture: Ruth 2:8–13

Main Focus: Boaz notices Ruth

Devotional Thought:

Boaz noticed Ruth—not because of her looks or status, but because of her *faithfulness*. That's the same way that gets the Lord's attention. Not your bank account, not where you live or what kind of job you have. Not even if you just go to church. Are you faithful in all areas? Giving, believing, praying, seeking, living right, walking in all the fruit of the spirit.....?

Her humility, kindness, and character stood out. When we live with integrity, God opens the right doors at the right time. It's not about platforms and titles. It's about getting through the right door that the Lord has opened up for you in your purpose. When you work, work as unto the Lord. When you serve, serve as unto the Lord. (Colossians 3:23-24)

Reflection Question:

Am I more focused on being faithful or being noticed?

Prayer:

God, teach me to value character over recognition. You tell me in your Word to do my best unto you, not man. I trust that you see me, even when no one else does and I will be satisfied with that. My good works will have fruit and point everyone to you. I will be humble, I will be kind in easy times *and* hard times. My character will stand out as a representative of Heaven. Amen.

Day 4: God Is Our Redeemer

Scripture: Read Ruth 3:1–11

Main Focus: Ruth at Boaz's feet

Devotional Thought:

Ruth stepped out in courage and obedience. She wasn't being manipulative—she was humbly asking for covering, for redemption. Boaz responded not just as a man of honor, but you can look at it as a foreshadowing of Jesus, our Redeemer.

Reflection Questions:

Is there an area of my life where I need to stop trying to fix things on my own and trust God to redeem it?

What situation have I been holding too tightly that I need to surrender to God's redeeming power?

Where am I relying on my own strength instead of inviting God to step in and restore?

Is there a place in my life where I need to pause, let go, and trust God to bring healing or change?

Prayer:

Jesus, thank you for not just covering the broken places in my life. You fully fix with no evidence of once broken. Thank you for being my Redeemer and Savior. For helping and healing me in my times of need. I trust you to make things right because you are a good Heavenly Father who gives me, your child, good gifts. I love you with my whole heart. Amen

Day 5: The Legacy of Faithfulness

Scripture: Read Ruth 4:13–17

Main Focus: Ruth's legacy

Devotional Thought:

Ruth's story didn't end in a field. It ended with a family, a future, and a legacy. God took her sorrow and made it a story of redemption. **Ruth's faithfulness positioned her to be part of the lineage of Jesus.**

Psalms 57:2 – “God fulfills His purpose for me.”

Psalms 138:8 – “The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord ensures, forever.”

Philippians 1:6 – “He who began a good work... will bring it to completion.”

Reflection Question:

What kind of legacy is my faith building today?

Prayer:

Lord, let my life be a seed of legacy. Help me be faithful in the field you've given me, trusting that you are preparing something bigger than I can even imagine. I hear the storm coming! The storm of blessing, the storm of goodness, the storm of breakthrough. I see with my supernatural eyes and I hear with my supernatural ears. I do what your Word says and fix my thoughts on things above. (Colossians 3:2) Amen.

TAKE ACTION: Now take what you've had revelation on during these 5 days and think about — *Who in my life needs encouragement to stay faithful in their "field"?*