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I am so thankful that you have returned for another day of Bible study! God uses His word to speak to us, to change us and to direct our lives. Every minute we spend in His Word deepens our faith and expands our character. Ask God to give you an even greater desire for His word!

Now, please turn on your computer, get your study materials and take a moment to pray. Ask for God's forgiveness and for the filling of His Holy Spirit as we spend our last day in Ruth, Chapter Two. Please write your initials in the blank when you have finished praying: _____.

Today, we are going to study a few significant words or phrases from Ruth Chapter Two.

1. Please read Ruth 2 in your favorite version of the Bible. If needed, follow the link to Blue Letter Bible (BLB) and select a version there. www.blueletterbible.com
 - a. Please record in your journal significant verses or anything that "jumps out" to you from this chapter.
 - b. Now, please read Chapter Two in a different version of the Bible. In your journal, please record anything about which you are curious or have questions.
 - c. If you recorded any questions in your journal, please spend some time investigating your queries using the Commentaries (*blue box L*) or *Study Tools* (in the left pane) on BLB. Please record your findings in your journal.

2. Now, please write Ruth 2:10 in your journal. Circle or highlight the word *grace* in verse 10.
 - a. Please go to BLB and do research for the word *grace*. (Type Ruth 2:10 in the *Bible/Dictionary* search bar. Click on the *blue box C* and scroll down the *Lexicon/Concordance* and click on the *blue H number* for *grace*). Please record your findings in your journal.

 - b. God has lavished His grace upon you in what way?

Ruth did not earn the privilege of gleaning the fields. It was a provision given by grace for widows and aliens. Despite her unworthiness, God chose to show grace to Ruth because of His great mercy and love. Because Ruth had no husband or other benefactor, she was completely dependent on the grace of God to meet her daily needs.

- c. To what degree did God meet the needs of Ruth and Naomi (verses 15-17)?

Like Ruth, when we decide to walk with God, He graciously provides for us.

3. Please read verses 14-18 again.

- a. At the end of verse 14, what three things does Ruth do?

She *ate*, was *satisfied* and she *kept some back*.

- b. What did Ruth do with the portion of the food that she kept back?
- c. How can we apply these three things (ate, satisfied, kept back) to our own walk with Christ?

A special names for Jesus found in the New Testament is *The Word*. God says that man does not live by *bread* alone but by every *word* that proceeds from the mouth of God. The Word of God is our bread. Jesus instructs to ask God, "Give us this day our daily bread." Like the Hebrew slaves wondering in the desert, each day we need to *eat* the Word of God. It is our manna from heaven. We need to eat of it until *satisfied*, and then we can share what we have *kept back* (learned) with others.

Why does God satisfy us? Everything else leaves us empty ... career ... friends ... family ... drugs ... successes ... education ... accomplishments. God is the only thing that satisfies because He is the only thing that is perfect.

4. Please go back to BLB and do research on the word *satisfy*. Write your findings in your journal.

- a. How has God brought satisfaction to your life? What great need has He satisfied?

Like Ruth, people who are seeking God with all of their heart can experience satisfaction even while they are suffering or facing great trouble. When we are deeply satisfied with God, we are able to minister to others. God pours into our hearts so we can pour into the hearts of others.

- b. Who have you been able to minister to out of your suffering?
- c. Who else needs to benefit from what you have learned about God and His Word?

Let's take stock of how Ruth and Naomi have changed since they returned to Bethlehem.

Ruth the Moabitess becomes ... (verse 8) _____.

Naomi left Moab empty but now ... (verse 17-18) _____.

Naomi said God dealt bitterly with her but now (verse 20) ... _____ .

Naomi and Ruth used to be in a season of famine but now (verse 17) ...
_____.

In closing, like Ruth and Naomi, when we get serious about our walk with Jesus, He will make us into what we aren't. Our negatives become positives, our lacks become assets, and our weaknesses become strengths. The lame will leap, the deaf will speak, and the dead will rise again.

Eat and be satisfied.

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