



DAILY DEVOTIONS

WHAT DECISIONS HAVE MADE A BIG IMPACT IN YOUR LIFE SO FAR?



What does this passage say?



What did this passage mean to its original audience?



What does this passage tell us about God?



What does this passage tell us about man?



What does this passage demand of me?



How does this passage change the way I relate to people?



How does this passage prompt me to pray?

DEVOTION

RUTH 1:1-22

Ruth found herself at a critical crossroad in her life. The decision she made to go with Naomi would have a lasting impact in her life and in history. The choices you make today are not insignificant. We may never know how big any one decision will be in the moment, but in hindsight, we realize that the decisions we make each day add up. The decisions you make today set the path for your future. Like Ruth, choose to surround yourself with the right people, put yourself in the right places, and follow the right God. Start today and commit to that path again and again each morning.

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WHAT CAN YOU DO TODAY TO INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE?

HOW CAN YOU THINK AND ACT WITH THE BIG PICTURE IN MIND?

RUTH 21-23

HOW MIGHT YOU STRUGGLE WITH PASSIVITY?

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO LIVE WITH MORE PURPOSE?

HOW COULD GOD BLESS YOUR WILLINGNESS TO ACT?

Don't be passive. In this story, Ruth and Boaz both acted with purpose. This story shows us how to act and live. We can act on our own or we can look for opportunities to do good and honor the Lord. This week, live on high alert. Ask God to open your eyes to the opportunities before you and pray for the wisdom to act. God will honor your responsibility and willingness to live with purpose. Trust Him and take the first step today.

RUTH 3:1-18

Ruth did everything she could do in this scene. She obeyed Naomi, expressed her intentions to Boaz, and demonstrated "noble character" (3:11). Now, all she could do was wait (3:18) and trust that Boaz would act. In your relationship with Christ, may the same be true of you. Do all that you can. Honor your parents, act with the right intentions, develop character. Then, wait. Wait on the Lord and trust that He will do His part today.

HOW CAN YOU HONOR YOUR PARENTS BETTER?

WHAT IS ONE AREA WHERE YOU CAN GROW YOUR CHARACTER?

HOW MIGHT YOU NEED TO WAIT ON THE LORD?

REMARKS

RUTH 4:1-12

HOW DOES BOAZ CHALLENGE YOU TO STEP UP?

HOW DOES BOAZ REMIND YOU THAT YOUR CHOICES MATTER?

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO BLESS THE PEOPLE GOD HAS PLACED IN YOUR LIFE?

Is God in control? Yes. Do your choices matter? Yes. God is working in our hearts and orchestrating our circumstances to bring about his plan. God is always doing something in your life, even when you are not aware of it. So follow Jesus every day. Be a blessing to people. Surrender your life to Him in every choice. God cares about the decisions you make and has designed them to have a real impact in the world. But at the end of the day, just as God was directing Boaz and Ruth's marriage, God is overseeing your life, and you can trust Him with it.

DAY 05

RUTH 4:13-22

At the beginning of the story, Naomi had lost her husband, sons, and hope. She was bitter and discouraged (1:20). But here, she holds the next generation in the messianic line. Her joy is restored and her hope is secure, even when things don't make sense, bad things happen, and life leaves you bitter. You can trust that God has not forgotten you. God hadn't forgotten Naomi, and He hasn't forgotten you either. He's writing a beautiful story. Live with hope in the redeeming God.

WHAT MAKES YOU BITTER IN YOUR LIFE?

HOW CAN HOPE OVERCOME BITTERNESS?

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER GOD HAS NOT FORGOTTEN YOU?