GOD IS OUR REDEEMER

DAY 2 — FAITHFULNESS IN THE ORDINARY

RUTH 2

Week 15

DEVOTIONAL

RUTH WASN'T DOING ANYTHING SPECTACULAR. SHE WAS SIMPLY GOING INTO A FIELD TO GATHER LEFTOVER GRAIN SO SHE AND NAOMI COULD EAT. IT LOOKED ORDINARY. BUT THAT ORDINARY DAY BECAME PART OF GOD'S EXTRAORDINARY PLAN. RUTH "HAPPENED" TO END UP IN THE FIELD OF BOAZ—AND WE KNOW THERE WAS MUCH MORE HAPPENING THAN COINCIDENCE. BOAZ NOTICES RUTH, SHOWS HER KINDNESS, AND PROTECTS HER. SOMETIMES WE EXPECT GOD TO MOVE THROUGH BIG MIRACLES, DRAMATIC MOMENTS, OR OBVIOUS SIGNS. BUT RUTH REMINDS US THAT GOD IS FAITHFUL IN THE ORDINARY. YOUR NORMAL TUESDAY, YOUR QUIET OBEDIENCE, YOUR SMALL ACT OF KINDNESS, YOUR DECISION TO KEEP SHOWING UP—GOD CAN USE ALL OF IT. NEVER UNDERESTIMATE WHAT GOD CAN DO WITH AN ORDINARY DAY.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD WORK THROUGH SOMETHING ORDINARY?
- WHY DO WE SOMETIMES OVERLOOK SMALL ACTS OF FAITHFULNESS?
- WHAT'S ONE ORDINARY THING YOU CAN DO FAITHFULLY THIS WEEK?

PRAYER

LORD, OPEN MY EYES TO SEE YOU IN THE ORDINARY. HELP ME BE FAITHFUL EVEN WHEN NOTHING FEELS EXCITING OR SIGNIFICANT. USE THE SMALL THINGS I DO FOR YOUR BIGGER PURPOSES. AMEN.