GOD IS OUR REDEEMER

DAY 6 — DON'T DESPISE SMALL BEGINNINGS

RUTH 1–4

Week 15

DEVOTIONAL

RUTH PROBABLY DIDN'T REALIZE HOW SIGNIFICANT HER ORDINARY DECISIONS WERE. SHE STAYED WITH NAOMI. SHE WORKED IN A FIELD. SHE LISTENED TO WISE COUNSEL. SHE TRUSTED BOAZ. ONE FAITHFUL DECISION FOLLOWED ANOTHER. AND GOD USED THOSE ORDINARY MOMENTS TO PLACE RUTH INSIDE A STORY FAR BIGGER THAN SHE COULD IMAGINE. WE OFTEN THINK OUR LIVES MATTER MOST WHEN WE'RE DOING SOMETHING IMPRESSIVE. BUT GOD'S KINGDOM IS FULL OF SMALL ACTS OF FAITHFULNESS. SHOWING UP. SERVING SOMEONE. PRAYING WHEN NOBODY KNOWS. CHOOSING INTEGRITY. ENCOURAGING A FRIEND. BEING FAITHFUL WHEN NOBODY APPLAUDS. DON'T DESPISE SMALL BEGINNINGS. GOD MAY BE DOING SOMETHING THROUGH YOUR ORDINARY FAITHFULNESS THAT YOU WON'T UNDERSTAND UNTIL MUCH LATER.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- WHAT "SMALL" ACT OF FAITHFULNESS HAS GOD PLACED IN FRONT OF YOU RIGHT NOW?
- WHY DO WE SOMETIMES FEEL LIKE ORDINARY THINGS DON'T MATTER?
- HOW CAN YOU BECOME MORE FAITHFUL IN THE LITTLE THINGS?

PRAYER

GOD, TEACH ME TO VALUE FAITHFULNESS OVER RECOGNITION. HELP ME SERVE, LOVE, PRAY, AND OBEY EVEN WHEN NOBODY NOTICES. I TRUST YOU TO USE WHAT I PLACE IN YOUR HANDS. AMEN.