

Message Notes

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The Book of Ruth

Hesed (Ruth 2)

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The Heart of Hesed

◆ _____ = lovingkindness, mercy, favor, steadfast love, faithfulness.

“The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love (hesed) and faithfulness, maintaining love (hesed) to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. *Ex. 34:6-7a*

◆ Hesed is _____ to who God is. *Lam 3:22-23; Ps 86:15, 136*

◆ _____ is a Moabite, a foreigner, an outsider.

Naomi said to her, “Go ahead, my daughter.” So she went out, entered a field and began to glean behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she was working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelek. *Ruth 2:2b-3*

◆ God often works in “_____”

◆ God’s hesed often comes through the faithful presence of _____.
2 Sam 9:3; 1 Thess 5:11; 1 Jn 4:12

“The Lord bless him!” Naomi said to her daughter-in-law. “He has not stopped showing his kindness to the living and the dead.” She added, “That man is our close relative; he is one of our guardian-redeemers.” *Ruth 2:20*

◆ Boaz shows us what God’s hesed looks like when it takes on _____.

◆ At the _____ of Jesus, we see the hesed of God most clearly. *Jn 3:16; Rom 5:8; Eph 2:4-5*

The Shape of Hesed

① Hesed shows up in _____.

◆ Where has God _____ placed me to practice hesed?

② Hesed moves toward the _____. *Dt 10:18; Ps 72:12-14, 82:3-4, 116:5-9; Mic 6:8*

◆ God’s hesed _____ how we move toward others.

③ Hesed shapes the _____ of our _____. *Ps 33:15, 51:1-10*

◆ Do I really know the hesed of God toward _____ and is it shaping the way I live toward _____?