

FAITH THAT WORKS

Ruth 2:1-23 Jeff Schreve

Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.

Ruth 2:17

Do you have a faith that works?

1. A faith that works doesn't quit.

Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. Thus may the LORD do to me, and worse, if anything but death parts you and me." When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her. Ruth 1:16-18

2. A faith that works takes a step of faith.

And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Please let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after one in whose sight I may find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter." So she departed and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers; and she happened to come to the portion of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. Ruth 2:2-3

* God begins to work when we begin to work.

3. A faith that works experiences the blessings of God.

A. The Lord notices those who walk by faith.

"Whose young woman is this?" Ruth 2:5

B. The Lord favors those who walk by faith.

Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Listen carefully, my daughter. Do not go to glean in another field; furthermore, do not go on from this one, but stay here with my maids. Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them. Indeed, I have commanded the servants not to touch you. When you are thirsty, go to the water jars and drink from what the servants draw." Ruth 2:8-9

1. He gives acceptance.

2. He gives protection and provision.

3. He gives satisfaction and abundance.

And at mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come here, that you may eat of the bread and dip your piece of bread in the vinegar." So she sat beside the reapers; and he served her roasted grain, and she ate and was satisfied and had some left. Ruth 2:14

"And also you shall purposely pull out for her some grain from the bundles and leave it that she may glean, and do not rebuke her." Ruth 2:16

4. A faith that works responds correctly to the grace of God.

Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your sight that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?" Ruth 2:10

A. Always be humble.

B. Always be grateful.

C. Always be obedient.

Then Ruth the Moabitess said, "Furthermore, he said to me, 'You should stay close to my servants until they have finished all my harvest.'" And Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his maids, lest others fall upon you in another field." So she stayed close by the maids of Boaz in order to glean until the end of the barley harvest and the wheat harvest.

And she lived with her mother-in-law. Ruth 2:21-23

Will you put your faith in gear and get going?