

BEAUTY FOR ASHES

**FROM TRAGEDY TO TRIUMPH**

Ruth 4:13-22      Jeff Schreve

*So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife, and he went in to her.  
And the LORD enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth  
to a son. Ruth 4:13*

**What are the lessons we can learn from the story of Ruth?**

**1. Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.**

- A. Be honest with your hurts, fears, and frustrations.
- B. Be reverent with your hurts, fears, and frustrations.
- C. Be obedient with your hurts, fears, and frustrations.  
*Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed is the LORD who has  
not left you without a redeemer today, and may his name  
become famous in Israel. Ruth 4:14*

**2. Even when we are blessed, God has more in store.**

- A. Don't settle for the leftovers.
- B. Don't seek God's hand, seek God's face.

**3. Even when things look hopeless, God is the God of hope.**

- A. He does His greatest work in the darkest circumstances.
- B. He showers His love and grace on those who trust Him.  
*"No Ammonite or Moabite shall enter the assembly of the LORD;  
none of their descendants, even to the tenth generation, shall  
ever enter the assembly of the LORD." Deuteronomy 23::3*

**Will you put your complete and total trust in the God of hope?**