



THE THREAD | A PEOPLE RISE. A PEOPLE FALL.

Lesson 2: Ruth And Redemption

Dear Parents,

Hello again! I wanted to remind you about the Bible study we're doing focused on teaching our students the big-picture story of the Bible. It's called *The Thread*, and this week was the second of 13 lessons of *A People Rise, A People Fall*, which looks at the story of Israel seeking to establish itself as a nation. The lesson was entitled "Ruth and Redemption." The reality is that it's easy to not really think much about what God did for us because it's not in front of us every single day. But God did rescue us, and because of that, it changes how we look at and enjoy our lives. So, we need to regularly practice being grateful to God for our rescue. Being grateful to God for sending Jesus to rescue us sometimes means simply enjoying the life and the freedom God has given us.

Lesson Overview: Ruth gives us a fascinating story in Scripture. Ruth isn't a queen. She isn't a noblewoman. Her story is so remarkably personal, intimate, and, well...normal. Maybe that's one of the major appeals of Ruth's story – that it feels like it could happen to anyone. But while Ruth may not be a queen, she was royal in one way: simple, devoted, ordinary, everyday Ruth found herself in the direct lineage of king David and Jesus, Himself. How she happened to find herself there is a beautiful picture of God's grace and redemption.

What We Want Your Teenager To Learn: Realize that God works to rescue and redeem His children in unique ways. Understand that Jesus rescued them from death, ransoming their lives through His death on the Cross.

What We Want Your Teenager To Do With What They've Learned: Consider their favorite parts of their lives, and express thanks to (worship) God for allowing them a life to enjoy.

Scripture Passages We Studied: Ruth 1:1-18; Ruth 2:1-13; Ruth 3:1-14; Ruth 4; Revelation 5:9-10
Please Take A Few Minutes This Week To Read These Passages.

NEXT STEPS...

During the next week, as you engage in conversations with your teenager, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- What did Boaz do for Ruth that changed her life?
- How does this relate to what Jesus did for us?
- Realistically, how can we thank God every day for how He sent Jesus to rescue us?

Thank you for all you do. As a parent, you are the primary spiritual influence in the life of your teenager, and they desperately need you. I'm praying for you! If you have any questions or if I can help with anything, please don't hesitate to let me know.