



UNEXPECTED

A JOURNEY THROUGH RUTH

RADICAL LOYALTY.

Read Ruth 3:7-18

In this week's section of Ruth, we see Naomi ask Ruth to do an... uh... *uncomfortable* task.

But Ruth follows through.

Then Ruth asks Boaz to do a task.

And Boaz promises to follow through

They are *loyal* to each other; and their loyalty spurs on more loyalty.

Loyalty is something that can often be swept to the side in the name of ease, or better options, or "time taking its course."

But loyalty can be life changing.

God was loyal to us and showed up when we were still against Him. He showed up in His unconditional love and sacrificed Himself on the cross for us.

When we show up for someone again and again - even when it's hard; even when they don't appreciate it or show it back - it is a picture of that unconditional love God has for us.

When push comes to shove, that person knows you will be there for him, and *that* is when cool conversations can happen. That is when God can move. That is when life begins to change.

IN THE BIBLE.

Romans 5:6-8

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1 Corinthians 11:1

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

2 Timothy 2:13

If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is.

QUESTIONS.

- 1.) Has someone's loyalty to you (or lack thereof) ever affected you? How?
- 2.) How was/is God loyal to us?
- 3.) What are some good things to be loyal to?
- 4.) How can God use your loyalty to those things?

Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:

1. What does this tell you about God?
2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?