



# UNEXPECTED

A JOURNEY THROUGH RUTH

## THAT'S RISKY.

Last week, we said that because God loves you, His plan will happen. But what does that actually look like?

For Ruth, it looked *really uncomfortable*.

It's tempting to think that if we obediently follow God's will for our lives, He will bless us by giving us easy, painless, blissful experiences. However, Scripture shows us again and again that more than likely, it (unfortunately) means just the opposite.

And while God may have unique plans for his unique children, He has at least one common plan for all of us: He desires for us to go and make disciples - or in Point language, He desires us to "connect the disconnected."

If we take this calling seriously, it probably means that we, like Ruth, will be uncomfortable at times. It will require us to take risks. It will involve us loving difficult people and doing things outside our comfort zones.

But in all this, we can trust that God's plans are good, that He will see us through, and that Heaven will be way more crowded because of it.

# IN THE BIBLE.

## **Ruth 3:1-6**

One day Ruth's mother-in-law Naomi said to her, "My daughter, I must find a home for you, where you will be well provided for. Now Boaz, with whose women you have worked, is a relative of ours. Tonight he will be winnowing barley on the threshing floor. Wash, put on perfume, and get dressed in your best clothes. Then go down to the threshing floor, but don't let him know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, note the place where he is lying. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down. He will tell you what to do."

"I will do whatever you say," Ruth answered. So she went down to the threshing floor and did everything her mother-in-law told her to do.

## **Matthew 26:36-39**

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled.

Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

## **Proverbs 3:5-6**

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

# QUESTIONS.

- 1.) Has God ever called you to do something risky or outside your comfort zone? Share your example.
- 2.) In Matthew 26, how does Jesus respond to God's plan for him?
- 3.) What are some other examples from the Bible of God calling people to do difficult, uncomfortable things?
- 4.) Why can we have hope and even comfort, as God calls us to do things we don't want to do?

**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?