

MAY 23, 2021

REDEEMING TRAGEDY
Ruth 4:13-22

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1. Ruth is not a "happily ever after" story; it's a story of _____ . Eph 1:13-14

2. God is the _____ in the book of Ruth. Eph 3:20

3. _____ to God.

4. What we do _____.

TALK IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week can really help clarify the things that God is teaching you and let others learn from your experiences. Get with someone this week and talk about your answers to the following questions:

What thought from the message was most helpful to you?

What thought from the message was most challenging to you?

In what ways have you seen God be the hero of your story?

Do you struggle more with believing that you matter to God or what you do matters?

What are you waiting for God to redeem in your life?

What questions remain for you about Ruth?

What would you like the group to join you in praying about?

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