

Every Day with Jesus  
Your God Will Be My God  
Ruth

Our society is enamored with celebrity. We celebrate people who have made no contribution to society other than letting a camera follow them around to record the drama of their lives is what is supposed to be reality TV. Even the church is susceptible to the celebrity driven cult of personality. Is it possible that the biggest difference-makers in the world are the people who live for something bigger than themselves and do so through the daily grind of enduring suffering, hard work, and trusting God?

1. God's mercy is offered to the nations.
  
2. God's reward is to those who are loyal.
  
3. God's providence is always at work.

Ruth's decision to follow God and to completely identify herself with His people, brought her a rich reward beyond anything she had ever expected or imagined. Not only did God bless her in this life, He numbered her with others in a lineage that would eventually produce a Savior who would come to save sinners from every people group. With her surrender to the claims of God, Ruth's beauty of heart, generosity of soul, firm sense of duty, and meekness were sanctified and used to secure her place among the heroes of Bible history.

Reflection

In what ways can you relate to Naomi? Has life been difficult and filled with loss? In what ways can you relate to Ruth? Have you ever been a stranger in a foreign land? Would your colleagues describe your work ethic and attitude as one that demonstrates a loyalty to and trust in God? IN what ways can you relate to Boaz? Do you greet others in way that reflects a content life that has been satisfied by God? Consider the kingdom implications of a believer who is always negative, bitter, and filled with anger. If the world has enough of that already, certainly we shouldn't be offering the same. Consider the things that you might begin to change, with the Spirit's help of course, that would allow the providence, protection, and provision of God to be displayed in your life.