

CHAPTER 9
The Faith of a Foreign Woman

Journal your answers to these questions as you read through the chapter this week. You may wish to read one day and journal the next, or spread the questions over the whole week.

1. How would you describe the relationship between Naomi and her daughter-in-law? Is there anything you can apply to your relationship with your in-laws or future in-laws?
2. Ruth and Boaz provided for Naomi. In what tangible ways can you provide for the less fortunate both in your family and your community?
3. Boaz praised Ruth saying, “May the LORD repay you for what you have done [for Naomi]. May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge” (p. 123). How did God answer Boaz’ prayer for Ruth? How does an “others-centered” life create blessings for the giver?
4. As you reflect on times of need in your life, when have you experienced divine providence and unexpected provision?
5. Character is revealed by what we do, what we say, and often by what others say about us. How does Boaz serve as an example of a godly man or Ruth as a godly woman for you?
6. The theme of redemption is found throughout this story. Compare Boaz’ redemption of Ruth and Naomi to how Christ has redeemed you.
7. Faithful Boaz and Ruth were great-grandparents to King David and therefore they were also in the line of Messiah Jesus. Who in your family tree has been a godly example to you? Who in your church family stands as an example of godliness?