



Strength for the Journey

“God’s Heart in Our Hands”

Ruth 4



Notes:

4. How is that image corrected by the fact that God is most often described in the Old Testament by the word hesed, an action word often used to describe the act of rescuing people in dire straits and which refers to God’s loyal love?

5. What is the significance of hesed being used in the book of Ruth not only in reference to God but also in reference to Boaz and Ruth?

Digging Deeper:

If you have enough time, answer one or more of these optional questions. But be sure to save time for the final two sections.

1. Joe says that most often the pattern of Scripture is that followers of God express His heart by coming along and being a rescuer in somebody’s life. Besides Boaz, what other examples can you think of in the Bible?

2. Read Deuteronomy 25:5-6 and Leviticus 25:25-28. How do these laws pertaining to kinsman-redeemers demonstrate God’s heart for rescuing and protecting widows and the poor?

3. What does Joe mean when he says that you can get all excited about saying that God has a heart for rescue, but you don’t get the point unless you’re willing to take His heart into your hands?

Strength through Reflection:

1. Read the “Call to Action” below. Who has reached out to you with the hesed of God in a significant way?

2. Who can you reach out to with God’s unrelenting, loyal love?

Dotted lines for taking notes.

