

## Session 9 | The Faith of a Foreign Woman

Before reading Chapter 9, answer the questions below to test your knowledge. Enter your answers in the column marked 1<sup>st</sup>, read the chapter, then enter your answers in the column marked 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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1. What is Naomi's relationship to Ruth?
  - a. She is her sister.
  - b. She is her cousin.
  - c. She is her mother-in-law.
  - d. She is her friend.
2. Why did Naomi want her name changed to Mara?
  - a. She had lost her husband.
  - b. The Lord had made her life bitter.
  - c. She had lost her sons
  - d. All of the above.
3. What was Ruth's reputation in town among the people?
  - a. She was a woman of noble character.
  - b. She was the poor widow who gleaned in Boaz's field.
  - c. She was the young widow looking for a husband
  - d. She ran after the younger men in town.
4. When Boaz became Ruth's guardian-redeemer, what was his relationship to her?
  - a. He became her legal guardian.
  - b. He became her husband.
  - c. He became her employer.
  - d. He became her business partner.

Early in the story of Ruth, what do you see in her and her character?

How is it tempting to be like Naomi when we face challenges in life?

What are some of the noble steps Boaz takes as he walks through the process of becoming the guardian-redeemer? What are all the things he then receives?

## Session 10 | Standing Tall, Falling Hard

Before reading Chapter 10, answer the questions below to test your knowledge. Enter your answers in the column marked 1<sup>st</sup>, read the chapter, then enter your answers in the column marked 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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1. What did Eli tell the boy Samuel to say when he heard the voice in the night?
  - a. "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."
  - b. "Nothing can harm me while I am in the house of the Lord."
  - c. "In the name of the Lord, I command you to leave this place."
  - d. "If that is you Lord, make yourself known to me."
2. Why did the Israelites ask for a king?
  - a. They were rejecting the Lord as their king.
  - b. They were just trying to be like all the other nations around them.
  - c. They were telling Samuel they didn't want Samuel's sons to rule them.
  - d. All of the above.
3. How did Saul make his first public appearance as king over the Israelites?
  - a. He met with a group of prophets and prophesied in front of all the people.
  - b. He was chosen by Samuel as their king in the presence of all the people.
  - c. He called men publicly to join him to rescue the people of Jabesh Gilead.
  - d. He had a coronation ceremony where a crown was placed on his head.
4. What act caused the kingdom to be taken away from Saul?
  - a. He lost a major battle with the Philistines at Mizpeh.
  - b. He had his kingdom taken away by the people of Israel.
  - c. He offered a sacrifice himself instead of waiting for Samuel to do it.
  - d. He blasphemed the Lord and the Lord abandoned him.

As you look at Hannah's life over the years described, how do you see the Upper Story of God's blessing throughout the Lower Story ups and downs in her life?

What are all the ways you see God orchestrating the process of choosing Saul as king??

After reading Chapter 10, what is one question you wish you could ask God about what you have read?

## CHAPTER 11 | From Shepherd to King

Before reading Chapter 11, answer the questions below to test your knowledge. Enter your answers in the column marked 1<sup>st</sup>, read the chapter, then enter your answers in the column marked 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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- Why did David believe he had the earthly ability to defeat Goliath?
  - He believed he was a mighty warrior.
  - He knew he was a great shot with a sling.
  - He knew he had already defeated a lion and a bear.
  - He believed he was a lot stronger than all of his older brothers.
- How did David go from being a hero to an enemy in Saul's eyes?
  - The crowds cheered for David more than they cheered for Saul.
  - David tried to take the kingdom away from Saul.
  - David had several failures in battle, making Saul lose confidence.
  - David did not treat Saul's daughter with favor.
- How did Saul die in battle?
  - A random arrow pierced his armor.
  - He fell on his own sword.
  - His armor bearer killed him when he was wounded.
  - He was surrounded and struck by a spear.
- What is the promise the Lord gives to David?
  - I will give you peace from war for the remainder of your life.
  - I will make you the wealthiest king on earth.
  - I will give you more offspring than the sand on the seashore.
  - I will establish your throne forever.

What do you think the Lord was trying to show Samuel through the process of anointing David as king?

Rite down a few of your main takeaways from the story of David and Goliath?

When David resisted the temptation to take Saul's life, what do we learn about his character and how he understood God's plans?

## Session 12 | The Trials of a King

Before reading Chapter 12, answer the questions below to test your knowledge. Enter your answers in the column marked 1<sup>st</sup>, read the chapter, then enter your answers in the column marked 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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1. After Nathan confronted David, what was David's confession?
  - a. I have sinned against Bathsheba.
  - b. I have sinned against my other wives.
  - c. I have sinned against the Lord.
  - d. I have sinned against Uriah.
2. What was the result of Nathan confronting David over his sin with Bathsheba?
  - a. David pleaded for the life of the child.
  - b. David put on sackcloth and spent the nights lying on the ground.
  - c. The child died.
  - d. All of the above.
3. What ultimately happened to David's son Absalom?
  - a. He became David's replacement as the next king over Israel.
  - b. David's soldiers killed him while he hung in a tree by his hair.
  - c. He died in battle with the Philistines.
  - d. He was passed over as king and became bitter toward his brother.
4. What did David do to build the temple for the Lord?
  - a. David provided all of the supplies necessary but did not build it.
  - b. David hired skilled craftsmen from all over the region to help build it.
  - c. David used slaves from some of the conquered countries to build it.
  - d. David made the Israelites give a tithe of their time to build it.

In the story of David and Bathsheba, what were the various ways the Lord tried to warn David away from his path of sin and toward repentance?

Look at all the things David does in his repentance. What things do you learn from his example that you need to put into practice in your life?

As you look at the story surrounding the preparation for the temple, how does this extravagance toward God affect your view of generosity?