

Wrap up

It's worth re-reflecting on the themes for which Ruth is noted now that we've gone through the actual text...

- The example of godly love, as demonstrated by both Ruth and Boaz.
- God's grace in welcoming Gentile converts (like Ruth, like us) to the fellowship of his people. This foreshadows blessings to come, calling to mind the Messianic passage in Isaiah which speaks of the Lord's servant (Jesus) as "a light for the Gentiles."
- The role of the kinsman-redeemer, which is a "Messianic type" and helps us to explore and better understand our relationship with Jesus.
- The significance of the inclusion of a Gentile in the ancestry of King David - and consequently in the ancestry of Jesus.



"RUTH GLEANING," JAMES TISSOT, 1896

What love looks like (again)

Remember where we started? ...with the famous "love" passage in 1 Corinthians 13 that gives a definition of godly love. ▶

Do a quick review of your notes on evidence of love in the book of Ruth.

Think about famous love stories in our culture, and make a few notes on ways in which the characters measure up to this "love standard" and/or ways they fail to (see chart on page 12).

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

In your own life

Think about people in your own life who love you.

- How do you know that they love you?

- What are the things they say/do that make you feel the most loved?

Think about the people in your life that you love.

- Are your words and actions towards them characterized by 1 Corinthians 13:4-7?

What about God's love for us?

- Check these verses out:

Charting it out... is it really love?



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"Love" Story	How it DOES demonstrate biblical love...	How it FAILS to demonstrate biblical love...