

Amazed By Grace Ruth 1:6-18

The BIG Idea ... God's grace shows up in the most _____ and _____ ways.

Grace In An Unexpected Place

- Naomi isn't in _____; she's in the fields of Moab—working to put food on the table.
- While in a Moabite field, Naomi hears that God had visited His people back in Bethlehem and had given them _____.
- The place Naomi left in search of food, now has food, because God has _____ for His people. Application: No one should walk through a supermarket with a deeper sense of _____ than the Christian, because God's grace meets us right where we are to give us everything we need (Philippians 4:19; Deuteronomy 10:14).

Grace Through An Unexpected Person

- Naomi decides to leave Moab for _____. Ruth and Naomi begin to travel with her.
- Naomi says, "Girls, go home. And may the LORD deal kindly with you ... because the only place each of you will find a husband is here in _____."
- Ruth and Orpah: "No, we will return with you to _____."
- Naomi: "Why would you go with me? You have no _____ with me. I cannot give you a husband—because where I am going, you don't belong. You've seen how the hand of the LORD has gone out _____ me." Application: We tend to see God's hand only in the _____, but this scene is highlighting God's hand in the _____.
- Orpah turns back toward home, but _____ does not. Ruth will not do what Naomi asks of her. Ruth will not go home. Ruth will not leave Naomi alone. Application: There are many times that God shows us grace by _____ us what we ask for and what we want.

Question: How could Naomi say that Ruth would be better off going back to her people and to her gods, when that would lead Ruth to _____? Answer: When we find ourselves in a dark place, so often we aren't thinking _____, we aren't thinking rationally. Our _____ are talking. And yet, God shows us grace not only when _____ are at their worst, but when _____ are at our worst (Romans 5:8).

- God is loving Naomi and showing grace to Naomi _____ Ruth, who will not let her go.
- Ruth: "Where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and _____ . Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you."

Grace That Results In An Unexpected Outcome

- This isn't just Ruth, the daughter-in-law, beautifully expressing her undying _____ to Naomi; it's Ruth, the Moabite, unashamedly confessing her undying _____ to God.
- Naomi is so blown away that she doesn't know what to say, so she says _____ at all. God's grace really is so amazing that it's capable of leaving us _____.

The Takeaways ...

1. Be amazed by what God's grace has done _____.
2. Be amazed at what God's grace can do _____. One of the big ways we display our commitment to _____ is through a commitment to and engagement with God's covenant _____ (1 Thessalonians 5:10-11).