

# Leading a Legacy

## Faithful Inconvenience (Week 2)

### LifeNotes

## TALK IT OVER

### Main Idea

Leading a legacy is the result of faithfully inconveniencing yourself for the sake of others.

### Key Scriptures

*And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, "Is this Naomi?" She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. I went away full, and the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the LORD has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?"* Ruth 1:19-21 ESV

*But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.* Ruth 1:16-18 ESV

*And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed by the LORD, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!" Naomi also said to her, "The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers."* Ruth 2:20 ESV

*So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her lap and became his nurse. And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.* Ruth 4:13-17 ESV

### 3 Interconnected Threads of Faithful Inconvenience

1. Uncommon Loyalty
2. Unmerited Favor
3. Bold Imagination

Uncommon loyalty uplifts.

Unmerited favor makes the impossible possible.

Bold imagination sees dreams not dead ends.

### Closing Prayer

1. Help me to stand by people regardless of the circumstances.
2. Help me to do for others what they can't do for themselves.
3. Help me to see what is unseen.

### Start talking.

- What's your favorite Cinderella story?
- What's the greatest romance movie of all time?

### Start thinking.

- Compare Ruth 1:19-21 and 4:13-17. How is Naomi transformed by the faithful inconvenience of Ruth? Why do you think the baby is described as Naomi's?
- What stands out to you about Ruth's sacrifice? What is the most astounding aspect of it, in your opinion?
- How does Ruth's story and the redemption by Boaz point towards the work of Jesus?

### Start sharing.

- Have you ever had someone show you uncommon loyalty? What did it do to your outlook on life?
- Can you share a time where someone besides Jesus gave you unmerited favor? What was the result of this gracious act?
- Why do you think God likes to use unconventional means and unlikely people?
- Where have you seen a dead end in someone's life rather than the dream of who they can become? What might it look like to boldly imagine solutions and possibilities for people?

### Start doing.

- Who do you need to stand by, regardless of the circumstances?
- What can you do for someone else, that they can't do themselves?
- Where are you missing the creative and unseen solution?