



# THE DOMINO EFFECT

THE STORY OF RUTH

WEEK 2: MAY 28-JUNE 3, 2017

## OVERVIEW

Last week we talked about the fact that, "God is working beyond our inability to accomplish His plans." What great news! God is always working beyond what we do, or can't do, as He does this for all of His children. But, you know what helps? A little faith. A little bit of faith that the Creator, Sustainer, Ruler of all things is who He says He is, and can do the things He says He can do. How do we know this? Where do we get the best vantage point of God doing miraculous things? From an intimate relationship with Him. Once we see who He is, what He's like, and what He does, time and time again, we'll have the best seat in the house when God is at work. It's the best seat because we've been there before, seeing His power manifest before our very eyes. It's not all pomp and circumstance though. It's also about the day-to-day grind and the never-ending presence of the Divine. Whether it be a show for all to see, or the tender words of the Spirit, our faith gets a kickstart from having been with Jesus. Will you find time to be with Him?

## HOW TO USE THIS PIECE OF PAPER

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- **Meet** with God through the text and then answer truths about the Bible texts.
- **Move** to a greater understanding by answering the study questions with other people. Discuss them with your spouse, or a friend, or begin a discipling relationship with someone using the information given.
- Our time of study and growth should lead us to greater obedience, meaning that we can **Multiply** the impact of our faith but turning it into action.



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WEEK 1: MAY 21-27, 2017

**Before and while you read these passages ask the Spirit of God to illuminate your heart and mind and bring conviction and clarity of His truth for your life.**

## MEET

**Scripture: Ruth 2, Ruth 3:1-18, Genesis 19:30-38, John 10:10**

Take some time during your own personal study to read through these four key questions:

1. Who is God (what does this passage tell me about God's character)?
2. What Has God Done (how do I see God's character in action here)?
3. Who Am I (how does God's character and action shape how I see myself)?
4. What Do I Do (if I believe 1-3 how would I respond and relate to others)?

**QUESTION: What did you DISCOVER during your study?**

## MOVE

*Confess out loud to one another areas of personal struggle or unbelief that the Spirit revealed during your personal study.*

In light of this week's sermon, consider these questions together:

1. Can you think of a time when you felt at the end of rope and didn't know what to do? How did you handle it? What came of it?
2. In Ruth 3, there's some questionable things going on, particularly in the first 1-5 verses, and then it immediately moves to how God shows up in the midst of messiness and difficulty. How has God shown you His faithfulness in fixing your brokenness? How does God intervene in the messiness of the human life? (Hint, hint, read John 1:14, "The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.")
3. In Ruth 3, Ruth is preparing herself for God to act (she washes and anoints herself). How are you preparing yourself for God to act? Are you aligning yourself to His Word, acknowledging His ways so you can see them now?
4. There are plenty of stories in scripture about believing in God, but trusting in Him is entirely different. We can believe and never allow Him to be true and relevant in our lives. Is Jesus' love true? Has it affected our lives?

**QUESTION: How will you REPENT and BELIEVE the gospel?**

## MULTIPLY

*In light of your time together, or alone, what steps will you take to act on your new discoveries and affirmed beliefs?*

Consider this questions:

1. How might others be impacted by this message of God intervening in our messiness?

**QUESTION: What will you DO and who will you TELL about what God has done?**

## THINGS FOR YOU

- Ruth 3 has massive sexual connotations. It's weird to read that and then consider how it fits in our story. It's an "awkward moment." How does God deal with our awkward moments of trying to trust Him? Or awkward moments of following Him?
- We used Genesis 19:30-18 as a helpful sub-story that is at play. Do you think this story has any parallel?
- What's different about the story of Ruth and Boaz and the story of Lot and his daughters?
- Did you know that one of Lot's daughters was named, "Moab"?
- FUN FACT: There's a rock formation in the Middle East called "Jebel Musa," which is supposed to be the salt pillar that was Lot's wife.
- How has the word, "Hesed," impacted the way that you've experienced Jesus lately? Remember it is a word that describes who God is.