

“PREPARE FOR IMPACT!”

RUTH 2:17-23

Perhaps you know someone without hope. A hardness sets in as the light grows dim. The joy evaporates as the anger solidifies. Negativism abounds as criticism resounds. What a miserable state to reside! Welcome to Naomi’s world!

WHEN GOD BREAKS THROUGH

① You See the H _____ of God (2:20a)

Before, Naomi saw it only _____ through the overwhelming deaths of her husband and sons.

Instead of counting her _____, now she begins to value her _____.

② You See the H _____ of God (2:20b)

Ruth called this “favor” (2:10,13). Naomi calls it “kindness,” which denotes a _____ covenantal loyal _____ that links to the very heart of God.

③ You See the H _____ from God (2:20c)

In Christ we have a hope sure that:

1. does not _____ (Rom. 5:5)
2. fills you with joy and peace (Rom. 15:13)
3. leaves you without _____ (Phil. 1:20)
4. comforts in the midst of _____ (1 Thes. 4:13)

5. anticipates Christ’s return (Titus 2:13)

6. ramps up your _____ (Heb. 11:1)

7. avails you opportunities to _____ (1 Pt. 3:15)

④ You Show H _____ to Others (2:22)

When we draw near to our _____ Father we will draw nearer to our _____ relationships.

When we seek to fulfill the first great commandment of loving God with all our heart, soul and mind, we then will more _____ move into fulfillment of the second great commandment of loving our neighbor as our self.

It’s to be exercised to _____ people (1 Peter 2:17).

⑤ You Show H _____ to Others (2:23)

They now dwell together, a word that denotes a “settled _____” state.

No longer a _____ or _____, Ruth is now a _____ in the family.

CONCLUSION

Don’t ever underestimate the breakthrough of God! No heart is too hard and no life is too far gone for God to accomplish what only He can! Have you given up on someone? It may take a lifetime, but with God all things are possible. Perhaps, it’s you yourself that needs the breakthrough!