### Lesson: God Provides
Response: I Will Trust Him

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Fill in the missing names in the family of Boaz and Ruth (4:16-24)

Boaz and Ruth

Verse: ____________________________

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Lesson: God provides
My response: I trust Him
Verse: The Lord is able to give you much more than this. 2 Chronicles 25:9

Introduction:
Review of what God does in the lives of Abraham/Sarah and Rahab (mobile)
Short story – George Mueller. The same God is alive today and is able to meet our needs. The problem is always with us and our lack of faith.

- Look at a woman who gave up everything because she trusted God – see what she ended up with.
- Story starts in the city of Bethlehem – “House of Bread” (write list of meaning of names). Jewish people (descendants of Abraham) living here – this is where God has told them to live. A famine occurs
- One family, Elimelech “My God is King” and Naomi have two sons – feeding a family is difficult. What should they do?
- They head to Moab (review names) – Is God pleased? Read Ruth 2:3-5
  - Elimelech dies
  - Mahlon dies
  - Chilion dies
- Naomi is left – a foreigner in the land with 2 daughters-in-law – she hears that the famine in Bethlehem has passed – she has reason to return (family, familiar culture, hometown).
- What about her daughters-in-law – Do they have any reason to return?
- Returning for them will mean (review handout)
  - No husband (Jews were not to marry foreigners, Naomi emphasizes it)
  - No family (family remains in Moab)
  - Foreigner (looked on as different, often despised)
  - No money (who would employ a Moabitess?)
  - No food (no record of a famine in Moab)
- Orpah decides to stay in Moab (Ruth 1:15), Ruth decides to go with Naomi. Why? Read Ruth 1:16-17
- Ruth’s confidence is greater than her mother-in-law’s. Naomi tells the neighbours to call her Mara, meaning “bitter” because the Almighty has dealt bitterly with her.
- They return at the time of barley harvest – when we trust the Lord He provides – they have returned at exactly the right time!
- Ruth finds work in the field of Boaz, a wealthy (2:1) relative of Elimelech’s.
- The law allowed the poor to gather the extra grain that was left behind by the reapers. Boaz shows kindness to her – tells her not to go to any other field, offers her drink, lets her glean close to the reapers, tells the reapers to leave extra.
- Ruth cannot understand why he is doing this when she is a foreigner. Boaz explains Read Ruth 2:11-12. Boaz sees her trust in the Lord – he too believes that the Lord will meet her needs.
- When Naomi hears where Ruth has found work and obtained food she at last praises God (Ruth 2:20)
In Jewish law, if a man died and left a widow with no children, a close relative was to (but didn’t have to) marry the widow so that the family name could be maintained and the land be kept in the family. **Was Ruth a good choice?**

- No: disdain from friends and family, cost, land would go to Ruth’s heirs
- Yes: a woman who trusts in God

Ruth approaches Boaz and asks him if he will be her kinsman redeemer – he agrees but tells her that there is a relative who is closer to the family of Elimelech than he. This man, however, when asked is not willing to face the cost of having Ruth as his wife.

Boaz takes Ruth as his wife and they have a son – is God able to provide?

Fill in worksheet to show what Ruth gains by giving up everything.

Jim Elliot: “He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose”.

Verse: Game if time.