

8. RUTH

EXTRAORDINARY ORDINARY

Ruth 2:10

“May the LORD make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel”

Do you enjoy hearing about famous people? It seems that when people become famous their whole life becomes interesting. Even the ordinary bits before they were famous.

It's a bit like that with the story of Ruth. She's just seems so ordinary. She's a girl from Moab and, in the Bible, girls from Moab had a bad reputation. Despite this, she married into an Israelite family. But when all the men in the family died, suddenly, the women became impoverished. Ruth, however, refused to leave her mother-in-law.

This committed friendship begins a chain reaction resulting in Ruth meeting, Boaz, the man of her dreams. Boaz and Ruth are both people of noble character and they fall in love. It's all so romantic! But what, you might ask, has all this got to do with the price of fish? It's a lovely story, but it's hardly on the epic proportions of the rest of the Bible! There are no plagues or miracles. There's just hardship, friendship and marriage. How's that significant? It's just like ordinary life.

However, it's the way the story ends that gives it a kick. We discover that the grandson of Ruth's child is none other than King David. That means that Ruth, an asylum-seeker with a bad name, becomes one of the most important people in the world. From her descendants comes the Messiah Jesus, the Saviour of the world.

Does your life seem ordinary? Do you feel like the girl or boy next door but one? Well, if you're a Christian then you have an extraordinary future. A day is coming when you will rise in glory and share eternal life, in the renewed world, with the King of Glory himself.

Live your life today in the light of that glorious day.

Your extraordinary future fills this ordinary day with meaning