

Matt 7.7

**Ask and it will be given to you;
seek and you will find; knock and
the door will be opened to you.
For everyone who asks receives;
the one who seeks finds; and to
the one who knocks, the door will
be opened**

Lk 4.18

**The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me to
proclaim good news to the poor.**

**He has sent me to proclaim
freedom for the prisoners and**

Lk 4.18

**recovery of sight for the blind, to
set the oppressed free, TO
PROCLAIM THE YEAR (SEASON)
OF THE LORD'S FAVOUR**

Rom 8.31

**If God is for us...who can be
against us?**

Enjoying the favour of God Part 1

Lk 2.52

**Jesus grew in wisdom and
stature, and **in favour** with God**

**You need to – believe
IN, believe FOR,
grow INTO**

Ruth 1.1

**In the days when the judges ruled,
there was a famine in the land,
and a man from Bethlehem,
together with his wife and two
sons, went to live for a while in the
country of Moab. The man's name
was Elimelech,**

Ruth 1.1

his wife was Naomi. Now Elimelech died, and Naomi was left with her two sons. They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth...eventually, both her sons also died,

Ruth 1.1

and Naomi was left without her two sons or a husband. When she heard that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, Naomi and her two daughters-in-law prepared to return home again...

Ruth 1.1

then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back, each of you, to your mother’s home. May the LORD show kindness to you, as you have shown to your dead and to me.

Ruth 1.1

May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband.” Then she kissed them and they wept aloud and said to her, “We will go back with you to your people.” But Naomi said, “Return home,

Ruth 1.1

**my daughters. Why would you
come with me?...At this they wept
again. Then Orpah kissed her
mother-in-law good-bye, but Ruth
clung to her. “Look,” said Naomi,
“your sister-in-law is going back to
her people and**

Ruth 1.1

**her gods. Go back with her.” But
Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to
leave you or to turn back from you.
Where you go I will go, and where
you stay I will stay. Your people will
be my people and your God my God.**

Ruth 1.1

Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates us.”

When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her

1. She's struggling RELATIONALLY

2. She's struggling EMOTIONALLY

3. She's struggling SPIRITUALLY

**“Jesus, if you’d have been
here earlier, my brother
wouldn’t have died”**

4. She's struggling FINANCIALLY

Ruth 2.1

Now Naomi (mother-in-law) had a relative on her husband's side, from the clan of Elimelech, a man of standing, whose name was Boaz. And Ruth said to Naomi, "Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favour."

1. *Stay faithful*

Ruth 1.15

“Look,” said Naomi, “your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her.”

But Ruth replied, “DON’T URGE ME TO LEAVE YOU OR TO TURN BACK FROM YOU.”

Ruth 1.15

Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried.

**The temptation to
stop being faithful to
what you know is
right and true**

2. Stay committed to God

Ruth 1.16

**Where you go I will go, and
where you stay I will stay. Your
people will be my people and
your God my God**

**Every storm / valley
will either push you
TOWARDS God or pull
you FROM him**

Job 2.9

Curse God and die

**To see the favour of
God, you need to be
pulled TOWARDS him
and not FROM him**

Jn 10.10

**The thief comes only to steal
and kill and destroy; I have
come that you may have life,
and have it to the full**

3. *Stay* humble

Ruth 2.1

Ruth said to Naomi, “Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favour.”

“Never waste a crisis”

James 4.10

Humble yourselves before
the lord and HE WILL LIFT
YOU UP (favour)

**4. Whatever you do,
don't die**

Ruth 2.5

Boaz asked the foreman of his harvesters, “Whose young woman is that?” The foreman replied, “She is the Moabiteess who came back from Moab with Naomi. She asked,

Ruth 2.5

‘Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the harvesters.’ She went into the field and has **worked steadily from morning till now, except for a short rest in the shelter.”**

**It's the temptation to
GIVE UP**

Psa 118.17

I will not die but live, and will
proclaim what the Lord has
done. The Lord has chastened
me severely, but he has **NOT**
GIVEN ME OVER TO DEATH

**Naomi said to her, “Go ahead,
my daughter.” So she went out
and began to glean in the fields
behind the harvesters. As it
turned out (favour), she found
herself working in a field
belonging to Boaz**

Just then (favour) Boaz
arrived from Bethlehem and
greeted the harvesters

Rom 8.28

**For we know that in all things
God works for the good of those
who love him and are called
according to his purpose**

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