Journey towards the Cross

Topic:

Faithfulness opens the door to redemption.

Bible portion:

Ruth 2:12 & 4:14

Focus:

Ruth: Faithfulness opens redemptive doors.

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A daily devotional for lent season

40-Day Gospel Reading Plan

Bible Readings for Today

Luke 5-6

Have you Read your Bible today?

Memory Verse for the day

"I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

Luke 05:32 (ESV)

Quote

"God is always doing 10,000 things in your life, and you may be aware of three of them."

- John Piper

Introduction:

Lent is a spiritual pilgrimage from the "Moab" of our past sins to the "Bethlehem" of God's house. From the Garden of Eden, God began tracing a path of rescue for humanity. In the story of Ruth, we see a beautiful glimpse of this plan—a moment where simple human faithfulness meets the overwhelming power of divine grace.

1. The Decision:

Redemption begins with a turning point. Ruth, a Moabitess and an outsider, made a radical choice: *"Your God shall be my God"* (Ruth 1:16). In our Lenten journey, this is our first step. Just as Jesus calls us to *"take up the cross and follow Him"* (Matthew 16:24), Ruth left her comfort zone for an unknown future. Redemption begins when we stop looking back at our failures and start walking faithfully toward God's promises.

2. The Refuge:

In the fields of Bethlehem, Boaz blessed Ruth for seeking refuge under the *"wings of the Lord, the God of Israel"* (Ruth 2:12). This echoes Psalm 91:4 and the words of Jesus, who longed to gather His children as a hen gathers her chicks (Matthew 23:37). During Lent, we recognize that the Cross is our ultimate shelter. Ruth's faithfulness in the small task of gleaning grain led her to the safety of God's providence. Likewise, our daily acts of prayer and repentance lead us to the safety found only in Christ's sacrifice.

3. The Redeemer:

The climax of Ruth's story is the arrival of the *Kinsman-Redeemer* (Ruth 4:14). Boaz paid the price to restore Ruth's inheritance and dignity, acting as a foreshadowing of Jesus Christ. While Boaz redeemed a family's land, Jesus redeemed the world. As Ephesians 1:7 declares, *"In*

Him we have redemption through His blood." Because of her faithfulness, Ruth—once a foreigner—was brought into the lineage of the Savior (Matthew 1:5). Her story shows that no past is too broken for the redeeming power of the Cross.

Conclusion:

Ruth's journey teaches us that faithfulness opens the door to redemption. While the Law might have excluded her, grace welcomed her in. As we walk through this Lenten season:

- **Commit like Ruth**—leaving the old life behind.
- **Seek refuge**—trusting in the shadow of the Cross.
- **Celebrate the Redeemer**—knowing that Christ has already paid the price.

Prayer:

Lord, grant us a heart like Ruth's—faithful and steadfast. As we journey toward the Cross, remind us that our Redeemer lives and that Your grace is sufficient for every soul that seeks refuge in You. Amen.

-**Rev. D. David Paramanantham**

Prayer Point

Pray for the elderly and old age homes.