



MISSION CREEK

Alliance Church

Ruth- an everyday hero (Heroes Series)

The sermon presents Ruth as an “everyday hero”—someone who faithfully embraces the circumstances God has placed before her and loves the people around her through “small things with great love.” Her ordinary faithfulness ultimately becomes part of God’s much larger purposes, even though Ruth could not see the full impact of her life.

1. **Ruth chose to stay with Naomi when leaving would have been easier.** What do you think enabled Ruth to make such a costly commitment? Where might God be asking you to demonstrate that kind of faithfulness?
2. The sermon says, “**An everyday hero embraces circumstances, believing that God is in them.**” What circumstances in your life are difficult for you to embrace right now? What might it look like to ask, “*God, how do you want me to live faithfully in this?*”
3. Ruth didn't know how her story would turn out; she simply kept **showing up faithfully each day**. Where in your life are you tempted to become discouraged because you cannot see the results of your faithfulness?
4. The sermon challenges us to consider how we approach our present season—whether working, studying, retired, or somewhere in between—with **excellence, prayer, gratitude, and attentiveness to others**. Which of these might God be inviting you to practice more intentionally?
5. Ruth's care for Naomi illustrates the idea of doing “**small things with great love.**” Her ordinary actions allowed Naomi to feel cared for and supported. Who has God placed around you whom you could intentionally **see, hear, encourage, or serve** this week?

6. Ruth probably never realized the enormous impact her ordinary faithfulness would eventually have. Can you think of someone whose seemingly small acts of faithfulness have had a lasting influence on your life? What does their example teach you?
7. Jesus says, **“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”** If you began viewing your ordinary interactions as opportunities to encounter and serve Jesus, **what might change about the way you live this week?**