

Let's Talk: Day 113-One Story

Ruth's Virtue – The Law of the Kinsman Redeemer & Ruth the Virtuous Woman

Today's Reading: Ruth 3; Deuteronomy 25:5-10; Proverbs 31:10-31

Honor Mom, Grandma or another woman in your family's life for all the ways she is a virtuous woman.

Questions:

1. How did Ruth ask Boaz to marry her? How did Boaz respond to her marriage proposal?
2. The Old Testament provided a unique way for people to help widows. This was called the "law of the kinsman redeemer." Explain how Boaz ended up being the kinsman redeemer for Ruth.
3. How does God describe a virtuous woman in Proverbs 31?
4. How does Ruth fit the description of a Proverbs 31 woman? Do you or anyone in the family share any of the same character qualities? If so, which ones? Explain.

Let's Talk: Day 114

Ruth's Redemption – The Law of the Kinsman Redeemer & the Genealogy of Jesus

Today's Reading: Ruth 4; Matthew 22:23-33 & 1:1-6

Share the love stories of your parents or grandparents and how your choice of who to marry will impact future generations. Share how Ruth and Boaz had no clue that their decisions to marry would change the world.

Questions:

1. How did Boaz and the other man indicate that they had agreed that Boaz would be the "kinsman redeemer" and marry Ruth?
2. Which three famous women of Israel did the ladies wish Ruth to be blessed like?

3. What was the name of Boaz and Ruth's great-grandson? What was the name of Boaz's mother? Do you remember her?
4. Ruth put God as her first priority and God led her down an unexpected path of blessing. Discuss whether you are obeying God and keeping Him your number one priority. How have you seen God bless you in unexpected ways because of it?

Let's Talk: Day 115

Hannah's Prayer – Hannah's Problem, Prayer, Peace & Thankfulness for Baby Samuel

Today's Reading: 1 Samuel 1 & 2:1-11; Philippians 4:6-7

Have every person choose their one favorite possession. Share stories of how long it was desired and the feeling at receiving it. How would you feel giving it away?

Questions:

1. Why was Hannah very sad?
2. What did Hannah tell God she would do if God would answer her prayer?
3. What kinds of things did Hannah say to God after He answered her prayer? Have you said these things to God before? Pause and pray some of those statements to God.
4. What does God say each one of us should do when we feel worried or anxious? What does God promise to do if we cast our cares on Him through prayer?

Let's Talk: Day 116

Samuel's Call – The Wickedness of Eli's Sons & Samuel's Call From God

Today's Reading: 1 Samuel 2:12-21; 1 Samuel 3; Psalm 99:6-7

For this game, blindfold one person. Have family members disguise their voices and have the blindfolded person guess who is speaking. Take turns. Discuss how to recognize the Lord's voice.

Questions:

1. Eli's sons did many religious ceremonies but did not know God or follow God. How do you think that made others feel? How would you have felt?
2. What did Hannah bring Samuel each year? What happened to Hannah later in life?
3. Who kept talking to Samuel? Who did Samuel think was talking? How did Samuel learn who was really talking to him?
4. What did Samuel do to be compared with Moses and Aaron in Psalm 99? How can you do these things in your life?

Let's Talk: Day 117

God's Judgment – Israel Is Defeated, Eli & His Sons Die & the Ark Is Lost

Today's Reading: 1 Samuel 2:22-36; 1 Samuel 4; 1 Kings 2:26-27

Play "Capture the Flag." Rules can be found at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Capture_the_flag

Questions:

1. How did God feel about Eli's wicked and disobedient sons?
2. What kind of person did God find to replace Eli's sons? Are you this type of person?
3. What piece of furniture did Israel use to protect them from the Philistines? Did it work? What happened to Eli when he heard about the battle?
4. Who did God use many years later to fulfill His prophecy about Eli's family no longer being priests? Are there any promises in the Bible that you have been waiting a long time for God to fulfill?

Let's Talk: Day 118

The Ark Is Returned – God Judges the Philistines, Their Idol Dagon & All False Idols

Today's Reading: 1 Samuel 5 & 6; Psalm 115:3-8

What do you think about the guilt offering? Have someone pretend to be "the people of Beth-Shemesh." Everyone else draw, describe or

present the gifts you would have offered instead. Which gifts are declared the best?

Questions:

1. What happened to Dagon (the “half man, half fish” god) the first night in the presence of the ark of the true God? What happened the second night? To make this story more interesting, you might want to search online to see what Dagon looked like.
2. What did the cities of Ashdod, Gath and Ekron do with the ark?
3. How did the Philistines know they were suffering because of God’s discipline and not random chance?
4. According to Psalm 115, how are false gods similar to followers of false gods? Discuss how God (and followers of God) are opposite of this. Are you a follower of God? How can you tell?

Let’s Talk: Day 119

Today’s Reading: Weekly day OFF

Weekly Review: Think back on this week’s reading. What story stands out to you and why? As a family, pick a verse to meditate on or memorize.