**Restoration Ministries – Webinar Notes**

**“NEEDS: WE ALL HAVE” – Session 2**

(The Need for Acceptance and Security)

In our sessions we are considering 4 Basic Needs we all have. If you are married or plan to marry, your spouse has and will have these basic needs. Jesus Christ wants to meet these needs in our lives, and live and love through us to join Him in meeting these needs in our spouse’s life.

We are going to look at a love story in the O.T. book of Ruth to see these needs illustrated in the life of Ruth and Naomi and see how Boaz, who is a picture of Jesus Christ, meets these needs in their lives.

1st Basic Need

**1. Acceptance (Being Welcomed and Received) Instead of Rejection**

Background

 Ruth and Naomi came from the country of Moab. Moab was a place of cursing.

 What happened to them in Moab?

 What was their condition and need? Ruth 1:13b, 19-21

 Would they be criticized and rejected in Bethlehem, or welcomed and accepted?

Ruth was a foreigner. Would she be accepted by God’s people?

 What is our spiritual condition before trusting Jesus as our Savior? - Cmp. Eph. 2:11-13

 Define Rejection - “to throw away, or discard as worthless, to throw back”

 N.T. Greek – “apodokimzo” – “to reject after examination and disapproval” - Mark 8:31

 How was Jesus Christ rejected? Cmp. John 1:11-12

 Illustration?

How is rejection conveyed to others?

 Words –

 Behaviors / Actions -

 Attitudes / Core Beliefs –

2nd Basic Need

**2. Security instead of Insecurity**

 Naomi and Ruth were widows and had no husband or grown sons to protect or provide for

 them. How would they survive?

 What did Naomi urge her daughter-in-laws to do? Ruth 1:9 Why?

 Marriage is to be a place of rest and security for a woman.

 Security in a relationship is knowing you are emotionally, mentally, spiritually, and

 physically safe, protected, and provided for, so trust is present and can thrive in the

 relationship.

 Why do we all need security?

 When sin entered the world Adam and Eve experienced **guilt** which led to a sense of **not**

 **being accepted** by God, and **shame** that resulted in a **loss of identity**, they also began to

 be **fearful and insecure. (Gen. 3:7-8)**

 Where would Ruth and Naomi find acceptance and security? Where can we find

 acceptance and security in an insecure world?

Read Ruth 2:1-7(the beginning of a beautiful love story)

**3. Ruth’s Confidence in God**

She would have to gather their future food supply. What did she decide to do? – 2:2

 What did the law of Moses commanded Israelite farmers to do? Why?

 Ruth set out as a poor widow to glean the leftovers so she and Naomi could survive.

 Notice her confidence – v.2-3

 Where was Ruth’s confidence? - Ruth 2:12 b, Cmp. Psalm 37:23

Are you confident that God will do the same for you?

**4. Ruth and Naomi’s need for acceptance and security would be met in Boaz.**

  **Who was Boaz?**

 He was a close relative who could act as a Kinsman Redeemer to redeem Naomi and Ruth

 out of their hopeless and desperate condition.

 How is Boaz an Old Testament picture of Jesus Christ?

 How does Boaz demonstrate love and acceptance to people and to Ruth? Ruth 2:4

 Ruth caught his eye – “Whose young woman is this?”

 What did Boaz find out about Ruth? – 2:6

 The Moabites were forbidden to mingle with or marry Israelites. Duet. 23:3-4

 Why didn’t Boaz reject Ruth? - Ruth 2:8-12

She had repented of her sin and become a follower of the one true God.

 Boaz accepted her, just as God had accepted her. (v.8-9)

 When we make the decision to believe on and trust Jesus Christ as our personal Savior

 and Redeemer from our sin, God the Father totally accepts us in His Son.

 Eph. 1:4, 6, Rom. 5:2

 **How Does God Accept Us in Jesus Christ?**

 Withunconditional love – Eph. 1:5, Eph. 2:4-5

 With amazing grace – unmerited favor so we don’t have to earn acceptance.

 Ruth did not do anything to earn Boaz’s acceptance and favor. She was amazed by his

 grace. 2:13

 Have you been amazed by God’s grace in completely accepting you through Jesus

 Christ? How will embracing this truth impact us and our family relationships?

 All of us have a need for acceptance instead of rejection from people we share life with.

 How are believers in Jesus Christ to accept one another? - Rom. 15:7

 Dr. Chuck Lynch – “God’s Peace in Your Home” – “Rejection means you have determined

 the other person is of little or no value and you are throwing them back with disgust or

 disdain. No spouse or child can thrive with this attitude. Each family member is to receive

 the same acceptance you received in God’s family. Failure to do so sets them up to believe

 the lie that acceptance is only based on performance. It results in a deep anger toward the

 conditional parent which then gets transferred to God.”

 **What does this acceptance look like in marriage?**

 1) Conveying to our spouse they are **loved** unconditionally, wanted (chosen), and needed

 in a healthy way.

 2) Conveying **delight** with our face, our eyes, words, and tone of voice instead of **disgust.**

 3) **Listening** to them – **communicating** with them seeking to understand them.

 What are 3 keys to effective communication?

 What happens to communication if we take any one of these qualities away?

 What happens if neither person listens and they just talk at each other?

 How well did Boaz communicate with his employees and Ruth? Cmp. 2:4-5, 8-16

 What did his communication involve?

 4) Demonstrate **Physical affection**

 What do spouses convey when they fail to demonstrate physical affection?

 5) Demonstrate **forgiveness and forbearance** to one another – Col. 3:12-13

 Illustration of bitterness -

 Illustration of forgiveness –

 **Boaz Met Ruth and Naomi’s Need for Security.**

 What did Boaz do to protect Ruth? He gave her 5 commands in v. 8-17. Jesus gives us the

 same instructions to protect us from Satan’s schemes. How does this apply to believers?

 **Stay in my field** – 2:8a **-**

 **Keep close to my young women –** v. 8b **–** Who does God use to help protect us from

 Satan’s traps? Cmp. Heb. 10:24-25

 **Keep your eyes on my field –** v. 9a - We must keep our eyes on Jesus Christ and His

 purposes or Satan can lure us away from the Lord. Cmp. Prov. 4:23, 1 John 5:21, Jude 21

 **Drink from my well –** v. 9 b **–**  Jn. 7:37-38

 **Eat from my table –** v. 14 **–** What did Ruth experience and enjoy at Boaz’s table? We

 must feed on the Word of God and as we do our spiritual hunger is satisfied.

 The Lord Jesus protects us and will take the believer safely home to heaven.

 Cmp. Jude 24, 2 Tim. 4:17-18, 1 Pet. 1:3-5, 1 Thess. 5:23-24

 **What did Boaz do to provide for Ruth and Naomi?**  What does the Lord Jesus provide

 when we trust Him and stay close to Him?

 **Physical** needs

 How did Boaz provide for their physical needs?

 The Lord Jesus meets our needs. – Matt. 6:25-34, Phil. 4:4-7, 19

  **Emotional** needs

 How did Boaz meet their emotional needs?

 Jesus is our high priest who cares about our emotional needs – Heb. 4:14-16

 He **gave of his time –** Cmp. 1 Pet. 5:7

 Boaz eventually marries Ruth and becomes a husband where she can find “rest”.

 When we trust Jesus as our Savior we are spiritually married to Him – Rom. 7:4

 We find rest for our souls. Cmp. Matt. 11:28-30

**5. How does God want to work through a husband and wife to bring security in the**

 **marriage and family?**

 God provides security in a marriage and family as husbands and wives fulfill their God

 given roles – circles of responsibility. – Eph. 5:21-33, 6:4

 What is the husband’s role according to God’s Word?

 As the head – leading as a servant leader not a dictator, seeking God’s guidance.

Loving with self-sacrificing love – Eph. 5:25,33a

 Washing her with God’s Word like Jesus does to His church – 5:26

 Giving up our life and rights for her. - – v. 28

 Nurture her – like a tender plant – v. 29

 Cherish her – keep her heart warm – v. 29

 Understanding and honoring her – 1 Pet. 3:7

What is a wife’s role according to God’s Word?

 A helper not a slave - Gen. 2:18

 A wife is to follow her husband’s lead as he follows Jesus Christ.

 Husbands and wives must protect themselves and their marriages from any and all forms of

 sexual sin, whether it’s lust or emotional or physical adultery.

**6. Where Can We Find Real Security in a Sinful, Fallen, Insecure World?**

 **In a personal relationship with the God of Peace** - 1 Thess. 5:23-24

 **Through a Personal Relationship with Jesus Christ**

  How? Through trusting Jesus Christ as our personal Savior from sin. - Rom. 5:1

 As we grow in our faith and our ability to trust the Lord, we experience the

 wonderfulpeace of God in our hearts (Phil. 4:6-7) in relationship with the God of

 Peace.

 **Through Building our Lives (marriages) on God’s Word – Matt. 7:24-27**

What does the wise person do in building their house?

 What does the foolish person do in building their house?

 The storms of life come to both individuals, but the person or married couple who build

 their marriage on God’s Word will safely weather the storms of life.

 What kind of a foundation are you building on?