

The Book of Ruth

Bible Study

DAY ONE: Overview

1. Read Romans 1:5 and Ephesians 2:8-9. According to these verses, where does faith come from?
2. Read Romans 8:28. For whom does God work all things to the good? What "good" does this mean?
3. God never promises a smooth, easy walk. He promises that He will work all things to the good for those *who love Him* AND who have been *called according to His purpose*. He calls us for **HIS** glory, not our own glory, so none may boast. (Re-read Ephesians 2:8-9)
4. Read Romans 8:5-8. In light of the truth that we are called to God for HIS glory, what do these verses tell you about how God considers our requests and desires?

5. Romans 8:28 is often used to claim that, somehow, God "owes" you all the desires of your heart. However, Romans 8:5-8 tells us that if our focus is on the world and the desires of the flesh, we cannot please God because the flesh is hostile to God. Consider the desires of your heart. Are they desires that will glorify God or glorify you?

6. Take a moment today and spend time in prayer with our Father. Ask Him to align your heart with His so that your desires will be His desires and He may be glorified in your life today and every day.