

## Discussion Guide Part 7

June 3, 2018



### God's Covenant-Keeping Love

1. Read [Ruth 2:17-23](#)
  
2. The opposite of the kind of love that the Book of Ruth teaches us is perhaps the word *abandonment*. Have you ever felt abandoned? Have you ever felt abandoned by God? Describe what was happening. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. *Hesed* has no English equivalent, but it is described as a love that sticks in there, does not quit, keeps giving even if undeserved. The first time this is used in Ruth is [Chapter 1:8](#). Read this verse . Note that Naomi is paralleling human and divine *hesed*.
  
4. The second time this is used in Ruth is [Chapter 2:20](#). Note this verse . When Naomi recognizes Boaz's *hesed* to "the living and the dead" she is implying that this kind of love is p \_ \_ \_ \_ ent.
  
5. The third use of the phrase is in [Chapter 3:10](#). Note it please . We haven't reached that part of the story yet, but we see that Ruth has shown *hesed* twice: once to Naomi and now to Boaz. What is the key word that describes *hesed* in this verse? \_\_\_\_\_
  
6. *Hesed* is not lusting or even liking. It's stickability through thick and thin. According to Pastor Jim, what or where is the closest our culture gets to describing this kind of love? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Re-read the following verses that pertain to God's *hesed* love to His covenant people:
  - a. [Isaiah 54:8](#)
  - b. [Isaiah 54:10](#)

- c. [Lamentations 3:22](#)
- d. [Lamentations 3:32](#)
- e. [Isaiah 63:7](#)

8. We are children of the New Covenant. [Jeremiah 32:40](#) is one part of the New Covenant promise. To believe the truth of this, how should your life be different? \_\_\_\_\_

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Psalm 100:5 (ESV) says, “<sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good; his steadfast love [*his hesed*] endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.”