

# A Woman of Tenacity

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## Key Scripture

*"All the people of my town know that you are a woman of noble character."*

*(Boaz to Ruth)*

Ruth 3:10

## Why can we cling to God with tenacity?

### 1. God provides.

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows...*

James 1:17

### 2. God protects.

*It (love) always protects...*

1 Cor. 13:7a

### 3. God redeems.

*Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us...*

*14 He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.*

Gal. 3:13-14

For personal reflection or group discussion.

Get talking. Loosen up with lighthearted conversation.

- What is something about your background that shapes who you are?
- Share about an experience of God's provision. It can be big or small.

Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- Rachel shared three reasons we can cling to God in the video teaching (see the column on the left). Which one did you need to hear the most today?

Start sharing. Choose questions that create openness.

- When you're at a fork in the road with a big decision to make, how do you know if you are choosing the narrow (God's) way? Does choosing the narrow way come easily to you, or not?
- Ruth had an advocate in Boaz and we have an advocate in Christ. How does having Jesus as our advocate bolster your faith in God?

Review workbook activities. (Share even more as time allows).

- Remembering God's faithfulness in the past can help us cling to Him tenaciously today. What did you write on p. 175 as examples of God's faithfulness in your life in the areas of: health, physical provision, or spiritual needs?
- On page 186 Rachel wrote about how God provides all of our needs, but that doesn't mean life is easy. Can you relate to Ruth's need to work in the field tenaciously to take hold of God's provision? How has this played out in your life?
- On page 203 Rachel contrasted the self-reliance of King Asa (2 Chr. 16:12-13) and the God-reliance in the time of his father, King Abijah (2 Chr. 13:18). What is your reaction to these different outcomes?

Start doing. Commit to a step, and live it out this week.

- Take a practical step towards God-reliant tenacity this week—choose one of these action steps:
  - Pray about a situation you've been struggling to handle on your own. Practice God-reliance by giving the situation to God, asking for His help in knowing how to move forward.
  - Take time to brainstorm three practical ways you can refocus yourself on Christ when you feel like giving up. Implement each of these ways at least once this coming week.

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