

WEEK TWO - LOVE Well I found a woman, stronger than anyone I know She shares my dreams, I hope that someday I'll share her home I found a love, to carry more than just my secrets To carry love, to carry children of our own We are still kids, but we're so in love

## Love

## How do I best show love?

## Love starts with choosing loyalty

**Ruth 1:3-5 (NLT)** Then Elimelech died, and Naomi was left with her two sons. The two sons married Moabite women. One married a woman named Orpah, and the other a woman named Ruth. But about ten years later, both Mahlon and Kilion died. This left Naomi alone, without her two sons or her husband.

**Ruth 1:8-9 (NLT)** Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back to your mothers' homes. And may the Lord reward you for your kindness to your husbands and to me. May the Lord bless you with the security of another marriage."

**Ruth 1:16-17 (NLT)** But Ruth replied, "Don't ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord punish me severely if I allow anything but death to separate us!"

## Love starts with choosing loyalty

#### Loyalty requires sacrifice.

**Ruth 2:2 (NLT)** One day Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go out into the harvest fields to pick up the stalks of grain left behind by anyone who is kind enough to let me do it."

#### **Sacrifice requires selflessness**

**Ruth 2:11 (NLT)** Yes, I know," Boaz replied. "But I also know about everything you have done for your motherin-law since the death of your husband. I have heard how you left your father and mother and your own land to live here among complete strangers.

Fighting against all odds I know we'll be alright this time Darling, just hold my hand Be my girl, I'll be your man I see my future in your eyes

# The key to love is selflessness

#### How do I best show love?

#### Refuse to ignore what others need

Philippians 2:4 (NLT) Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

#### Refuse to return evil with evil.

1 Thessalonians 5:15 (NLT) See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people.

John 15:12-13 (NLT) This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.