

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible  
Current Book: *Ruth* – verse by verse

**Scripture(s) for Today: Ruth 4:1-12 – Boaz calls out the nearer kinsman; Ruth is redeemed!**

Today's Message:

**“Redeeming Love”**



## INTRODUCTION

Last week, Naomi instructed Ruth to ask Boaz to **redeem** her for his own, and we learned there is romance in redemption. We ended with a cliff hanger; there is a nearer kinsman than Boaz. Oh no! Today, we will watch Boaz in action as he will \_\_\_\_\_ what he promised to Ruth. Amen. Boaz will gather a group of 10 witnesses at the gate of the city to see and hear the decision of the nearer kinsman. The \_\_\_\_\_ approach will seemingly be a great tactical advantage for Boaz. Fortunately for Ruth, the nearer kinsman will decline the right to redeem her which makes it possible for her to be redeemed by Boaz. The love of Boaz will lead him to pay the price for Ruth; redeeming \_\_\_\_\_ is a beautiful thing!

## LEARNING TOGETHER

### A. The Text Ruth 4:1-12

#### #1. The Surprise Strategy – the nearer kinsman had \_\_\_\_\_ right to redeem. (1-6)

➤ **Boaz took the nearer kinsman by surprise and had a tactical advantage.**

#### ✓ WHAT HAPPENED

- Boaz arrived and **sat down at the gate** of the city – for official \_\_\_\_\_ business.
- Boaz called out to **the nearer kinsman** to sit down with him.
- Boaz **took ten men of the elders** of the city who also sat down.
- Boaz **advertised the kinsman's right** to redeem Naomi's land.
- The nearer kinsman said **he would redeem the land** for Naomi.
- The nearer kinsman was **not willing to raise up** the name of the \_\_\_\_\_.

**“10 men”**

Boaz assembled 10 witnesses for the legal transaction.

#### ✓ COMPARING SCRIPTURES

- **Law of the Kinsman Redeemer** – the one who had a right to “redeem” which refers to an ancient Jewish custom ordained by Moses in the Old Testament.

**The Kinsman Redeemer** was responsible to:

- 1 – Buy a family member out of slavery – *Lev 25:48*
- 2 – Be the “revenger of blood” to a murderer of a family member – *Num 35:19*
- 3 – Buy back family land that had been forfeited – *Lev 25:25*
- 4 – Carry on the family name by marrying a childless widow – *Deut 25:5-10 [Levirate Law]*

**“Kinsman Redeemer”**

The fundamental idea is that he is **responsible** to **safeguard** the PERSONS, the PROPERTY, and the POSTERITY of the family.

**NOTE** The nearer kinsman said he COULD NOT do the kinsman's part related to Ruth; he was concerned about himself and his own inheritance. He said, “I cannot redeem it.”

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**#2. The Shoe Custom – the manner of Jews – the shoe was a \_\_\_\_\_. (7-8)**

➤ *The manner in former time in Israel to confirm things legally involved a shoe.*

✓ **WHAT HAPPENED**

- The Jewish custom to **confirm all things** involved a man’s shoe for a testimony.
- The nearer kinsman **forfeited his right to redeem**; he gave Boaz his \_\_\_\_\_.

✓ **COMPARING SCRIPTURES**

- *This custom seems to be derived from the unfaithful kinsman – Deut 25:7-10*
- *The Bible speaks of shoes (32x in KJV) – Deut 29:5; Ex 3:5; Josh 5:15; Song 7:1*
- *Jesus’ shoes are often referenced – Mt 3:11; Mk 1:7; Lk 3:16; Jn 1:27; Acts 13:25*

**Your “Shoes”**  
Do your mouth and feet speak the same message?

**NOTE** The testimony was in the SHOE! Your MOUTH and \_\_\_\_\_ must say the same thing!

**#3. The Redeeming Love – Boaz bought \_\_\_\_\_ that needed redeemed! (9-12)**

**Boaz declared before all elders and people that he was buying all land and Ruth!**

✓ **WHAT HAPPENED**

- Boaz announced his purchase of **Naomi’s land** – all of Elimelech’s property.
- Boaz announced his purchase of **Ruth to be his wife** – to raise up inheritance.
- All **the witnesses** – people and elders – **gave testimony** and their \_\_\_\_\_!

✓ **COMPARING SCRIPTURES**

- *Boaz paid the price of redemption for Naomi (Israel) – like Pharez – THE \_\_\_\_\_!*
- *Boaz paid the price of redemption for Ruth (Church) – like Rachel and like Leah*

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Our <b>Kinsman Redeemer</b> paid the price:	<u>ISRAEL</u>	<u>CHURCH</u> <small>(Saved Jews and Gentiles)</small>
1. Buy out of slavery/bondage – Lev 25:48	Egypt/Passover/Trib	Sin/Salvation
2. Be the “revenger of blood” – Num 35:19	Day of Vengeance	Death/Resurrection
3. Buy back land forfeited – Lev 25:25	Israel/Earth/New Earth	Paradise/Heaven/New Jerusalem
4. Marry a childless widow – Deut 25:5-10	Israel Saved	Heathen/You and Me

**NOTE** Jesus Christ – became a man, was willing and able, and paid the price IN FULL for our redemption! Amen! Not only that, but everything that needs redeemed will be redeemed before all is said and done. God’s plan is so much bigger than our ideas!

**B. The Lessons** (How can you apply this message to your life?)

1. *The 10 Commandments are 10 witnesses of our inability to redeem \_\_\_\_\_.*

❖ **Question:** *Do you live after the flesh? Are you walking in the Spirit? Rom 8:13; Eph 2:8-9*

2. *Jesus Christ paid the price of redemption for us with His \_\_\_\_\_; Blessed Redeemer!*

❖ **Question:** *Does the love of Christ constrain you? Do your feet agree? Eph 4:1; Rev 5:12*

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