

THE WOMEN OF CHRISTMAS – RUTH

RUTH 1-4

12/7/25

I. THE STORY OF RUTH

A. Chapter 1

1. Famine and loss
2. Naomi returns Home with Ruth's loyalty
3. Ruth's confession

Ruth 1:15-18 - "And she said, 'See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.' ¹⁶ But Ruth said, 'Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.' ¹⁸ And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more."

- Uses the Jewish covenant name of God - Yahweh

B. Chapter 2

1. Ruth goes to provide for her and Naomi
2. Ruth meets Boaz

Ruth 2:8-10 - "Then Boaz said to Ruth, 'Now, listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. ⁹ Let your eyes be on the field that they are reaping, and go after them. Have I not charged the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn.' ¹⁰ Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, 'Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?'"

3. Boaz protects and provides for Ruth
 - This was odd for the times of judges

C. Chapter 3

1. Naomi's plan

Ruth 3:9-13 - "He said, 'Who are you?' And she answered, 'I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer.' ¹⁰ And he said, 'May you be blessed by the Lord, my daughter. You have made this last kindness greater than the first in that you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. ¹¹ And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you ask, for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman. ¹² And now it is true that I am a redeemer. Yet there is a redeemer nearer than I. ¹³ Remain tonight, and in the morning, if he will redeem you, good; let him do it. But if he is not willing to redeem you, then, as the Lord lives, I will redeem you. Lie down until the morning.'"

2. Ruth's request
3. Boaz's response

- There is faith in God's plan

D. Chapter 4

1. Boaz redeems Ruth

Ruth 4:13-17 – “So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and the Lord gave her conception, and she bore a son. ¹⁴Then the women said to Naomi, ‘Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel!’ ¹⁵He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him.’ ¹⁶Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her lap and became his nurse. ¹⁷And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, ‘A son has been born to Naomi.’ They named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.”

II. WHY IS RUTH IN JESUS’ GENEALOGY?

A. She points to redemption

- She wanted a physical redeemer, but God was providing a spiritual redeemer

B. God redeems the curse

Deuteronomy 23:3 – “No Ammonite or Moabite may enter the assembly of the LORD. Even to the tenth generation, none of them may enter the assembly of the LORD forever.”

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is one thing from the message this week that stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. Why do you think Ruth is such an important book in the Old Testament?
3. Boaz was faithfully pursuing God even when everyone else was “doing what was right in their own eyes”. How does that relate to us today? Why is it important for us to be obedient to God’s law even if it is costly?
4. God was providentially working His plan all throughout the book of Ruth. How have you seen God’s providential hand in your world this past year?
5. Boaz’s actions revealed to the world what Christ would ultimately do in redeeming us. How can our actions do the same today...in our love, grace, mercy etc.?
6. **PRAYER TIME:** As a Group spend some time talking through people in your circle that you want to invite to church this season! Mention them by name and then pray for them all by name!
7. What is one thing from the message or the group this week that you desire to live out? How can the group help you with that?