

Sermon Listening Guide (May 25, 2025)

Scripture: Ruth 4

Sermon Title: “Boaz Marries Ruth”

First Thoughts

In the Bible, Paul says: “We see through a glass darkly.”

God’s plan is often not seen in its entirety by you.

Ruth

Ruth is a foreigner but a woman of noble character.

She is in need of redemption, as she has no place in Bethlehem and no people.

If the laws of the day excluded Ruth, grace included Ruth.

Christ is the agent that bring redemption into our sin-sick lives.

Boaz

Boaz is Ruth’s “Kinsman (guardian)-Redeemer.”

At the city gates and on the threshing floor, he does things in-order to redeem Ruth.

The redemption of Ruth is a firm commitment that is very costly for Boaz.

The same is true of Christ’s redemption of mankind.

Naomi

In verses 13-17, we find Naomi’s joy and future restored.

Her bitterness has turned to sweetness, and her emptiness has turned to overflowing blessings.

“Ain’t God good?”

Verse 17 points to an even deeper meaning in the lineage of Ruth and Boaz.

Final Thoughts

Ruth starts with death but ends with birth.

Naomi and Ruth face danger, isolation, and poverty, but God is always with them.

God’s design for your life often looks like a winding mountain road.

We are called to “Trust and Obey” even through pain and bitterness.