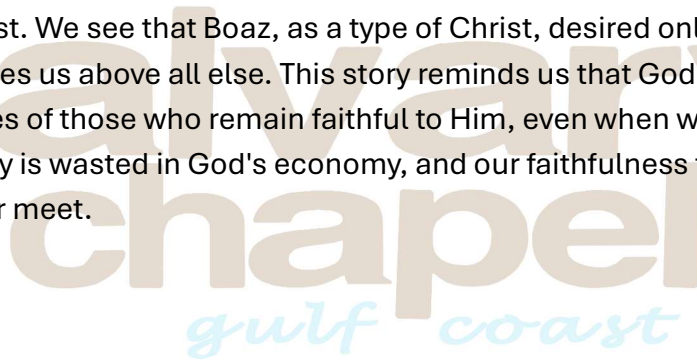




Summary

This powerful message takes us into the heart of redemption through the beautiful story of Ruth and Naomi, revealing how faithfulness through tragedy positions us to witness God's miraculous provision. We discover that the principle of the kinsman redeemer, essential to our salvation, finds its only Old Testament example in this remarkable narrative. Naomi's story confronts us with raw honesty—she experienced devastating loss, losing her husband and both sons, yet continued walking with God even while openly acknowledging her bitterness. Her faithfulness wasn't about pretending everything was fine; it was about remaining obedient to God's word despite crushing grief. Through Naomi's godly influence, Ruth the Moabitess chose to follow not just Naomi, but Naomi's God, declaring those unforgettable words: 'Your people shall be my people and your God my God.' What unfolds is a divine orchestration where gleaning laws, kinsman redeemer principles, and levirate marriage customs converge to place Ruth directly in the lineage of Jesus Christ. We see that Boaz, as a type of Christ, desired only the bride—not the land—just as Jesus desires us above all else. This story reminds us that God is arranging circumstances in the lives of those who remain faithful to Him, even when we cannot see the bigger picture. No tragedy is wasted in God's economy, and our faithfulness today may impact generations we will never meet.





Points

Title: The Faithful Mother: Naomi and the Kinsman Redeemer

Sermon Summary: This Mother's Day sermon explores the profound theological principle of the kinsman redeemer through the story of Naomi and Ruth. The message demonstrates how one faithful mother's unwavering trust in God during devastating personal tragedy—losing her husband and both sons—ultimately placed her in the divine lineage of Jesus Christ. Despite experiencing bitter grief and living through morally corrupt times, Naomi's continued faithfulness to God and His Word influenced Ruth the Moabitess to abandon her pagan gods and follow the God of Israel. Through Naomi's wise counsel rooted in Scripture, Ruth married Boaz, who became the Old Testament's singular example of a kinsman redeemer before Christ. This narrative beautifully illustrates that our salvation required Jesus to become our kinsman redeemer—fully God yet fully man—to redeem humanity from sin. The sermon emphasizes that Jesus' genealogy intentionally includes those society rejected: illegitimate children, prostitutes, and foreigners, demonstrating that no one is excluded from redemption. Just as Boaz desired only the bride and not the land, Christ desires His bride, the Church, above all earthly things.

Key Points:

- The doctrine of Jesus as our kinsman redeemer is essential for salvation, requiring Him to become fully human while remaining fully God
- A kinsman redeemer must be both able and willing to pay the price of redemption
- Naomi maintained faithfulness to God despite losing her husband and both sons, enduring famine, and living as a refugee in Moab
- Naomi's godly influence led Ruth to declare "your God will be my God," demonstrating the powerful witness of faithful mothers
- Naomi knew God's Word thoroughly, counseling Ruth according to the laws of gleaning and kinsman redemption
- Boaz, whose name means "in him is strength," serves as the only Old Testament example of someone fulfilling the kinsman redeemer law



- The scene in Ruth chapter 4 with elders witnessing the redemption parallels Revelation chapter 5 where Jesus takes the scroll as our Redeemer
- Jesus' genealogy deliberately includes Perez (illegitimate), Rahab (prostitute), and Ruth (Moabite foreigner), showing no one is excluded from redemption
- God sovereignly arranged circumstances through tragedy to place Ruth in the lineage of Christ
- Boaz desired only the bride, not the land, just as Christ desires His bride above all worldly things
- There are no coincidences with God—He arranges events in the lives of those who remain faithful to Him
- Mothers and grandmothers have profound influence on future generations through their faithfulness

Scripture Reference:

- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Hebrews 2:9, 17
- Galatians 3:26-4:7
- Romans 4:25
- Leviticus 25:23-25
- Deuteronomy 24:18-22
- Ruth 1-4 (entire book)
- Revelation 5:1-10
- Luke 3:31-33
- Hebrews 13:8

Stories:

- The complete narrative of Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz from the Book of Ruth, including Naomi's family fleeing to Moab during famine, the deaths of Elimelech and his sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ruth's commitment to follow Naomi and her God, Ruth gleaning in Boaz's fields, Naomi's wise



counsel for Ruth to approach Boaz at the threshing floor, and Boaz redeeming both the land and taking Ruth as his bride

- The legal proceeding at the city gate where Boaz negotiated with the closer relative before ten elders, demonstrating the proper process of redemption
- The parallel between the earthly redemption scene in Ruth and the heavenly scene in Revelation 5 where Jesus takes the scroll as the worthy Redeemer
- The genealogical connection showing how Ruth became the great-grandmother of King David and an ancestor of Jesus Christ
- Reference to Rahab the harlot (from Joshua 2) who married Salmon and became Boaz's mother
- Reference to Tamar and Perez (from Genesis 38) showing illegitimacy in Christ's lineage
- The law of gleaning that provided for widows, orphans, and strangers
- The principle that God gave Ruth conception after ten years of childlessness with Mahlon





Scripture

Scripture References from the Sermon

Directly Cited or Referenced:

1. ****2 Corinthians 5:21**** - "For he made him who knew no sin to be sin for us that we may have the righteousness of Christ in him"

2. ****Hebrews 2:9**** - Jesus made lower than angels for the suffering of death

3. ****Galatians 3:26-29**** - All sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus

4. ****Galatians 4:1-6**** - God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law to redeem

5. ****Romans 4:25**** - Jesus delivered up because of our offenses and raised because of our justification

6. ****Leviticus 25:23-25**** - The land shall not be sold permanently; law of redemption

7. ****Revelation 5:1-10**** - The scroll with seven seals and the Lamb who was slain

8. ****Ruth 1:1-22**** - Naomi's story: famine, death, journey to Moab and return

9. ****Ruth 2:1-23**** - Ruth gleaning in Boaz's field



10. ****Ruth 3:1-18**** - Naomi's counsel to Ruth at the threshing floor
11. ****Ruth 4:1-22**** - Boaz redeems Ruth and the genealogy ending with David
12. ****Deuteronomy 24:18-21**** - Law of gleaning for the stranger, fatherless, and widow
13. ****Deuteronomy 25**** - Law of Levirate marriage (alluded to)
14. ****Hebrews 13:8**** - "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever"
15. ****Luke 3:31-33**** - Genealogy of Jesus through Mary, including Boaz, Obed, Jesse, David
16. ****Matthew 1**** - Genealogy through Joseph (mentioned but not quoted)
17. ****Genesis 38**** - Tamar and Perez (alluded to)
18. ****Jeremiah 32**** - Jeremiah buying field at Anathoth (mentioned)
19. ****John 1:1**** - "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (alluded to)
20. ****Matthew 11:28-30**** - "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden" (paraphrased at conclusion)

Key Themes with Supporting Verses:



Kinsman Redeemer Theme:

- **Leviticus 25:25-28** - Redemption of property
- **Ruth 2:20** - Boaz as kinsman redeemer
- **Ruth 3:9** - Ruth asks Boaz to take her under his wing
- **Ruth 4:4-6** - The closer relative declines redemption

God's Sovereignty and Providence:

- **Romans 8:28** - All things work together for good (theme present)
- **Proverbs 3:5-6** - Trust in the Lord (theme of Naomi's faithfulness)

Inclusion in God's Family:

- **Galatians 3:28** - No Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female
- **Ephesians 2:8-9** - Salvation by grace through faith (theme present)

This sermon masterfully weaves together the book of Ruth with New Testament theology, showing how the kinsman redeemer pattern points to Christ's redemptive work.



Quotes

Our eternal salvation required Jesus to enter the world as a man, even though fully God, in order to offer himself as the perfect sinless man, as the sinless sacrifice for the sin of all mankind.

Ruth has been so impacted by the godliness and grace of Naomi, her mother-in-law, she determines to follow Naomi wherever she goes and cannot be dissuaded. But in reality, we understand that she is following Naomi's God.

Though Naomi describes herself as bitter and even though she ascribed her bitterness to Almighty God, Naomi's faithfulness to her God and to his word carried on through the vast depths of her grief and despair.

God is still arranging the events in the lives of those who remain faithful to him. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

The closer relative had no interest in the bride but only in the land. Boaz, as a type of Christ, had no need for or really any interest in the land. All Boaz desired was the bride.

Our kinsman redeemer's lineage includes an illegitimate son, Perez, a harlot, Rahab, and a Moabite named Ruth. Did I leave any of you out? That's really the point, isn't it?

All of this was made possible by the faithfulness of one mother, Naomi, who continued to walk, believe, and give counsel according to God's word, and the God of God's word.

No one is excluded. All are welcomed at the foot of the cross. There is nothing that prevents you from coming to Jesus Christ. He is your kinsman redeemer.



Discussion Questions

How does the story of Ruth and Naomi challenge our understanding of faithfulness to God during seasons of profound loss and tragedy?

In what ways does Boaz's role as kinsman redeemer reveal the nature of Christ's redemption, particularly his focus on the bride rather than earthly possessions?

What does the inclusion of Rahab, Ruth, and Tamar in Jesus's genealogy teach us about God's grace and the inclusivity of His redemptive plan?

How did Naomi's faithful witness to God, even in her bitterness and grief, influence Ruth's decision to follow the God of Israel?

What is the significance of the law of gleaning in Deuteronomy 24, and how does it reflect God's heart for the vulnerable in society?

How does the parallel between the redemption scene in Ruth 4 and the scroll opening in Revelation 5 deepen our understanding of Christ as our kinsman redeemer?

What can mothers and spiritual mentors today learn from Naomi's example of giving counsel rooted in God's Word during difficult circumstances?

Why is it significant that the Lord gave Ruth conception after ten years of childlessness, and what does this reveal about God's sovereignty over life?

How does understanding that Jesus is our kinsman redeemer change the way we view our own worthiness to come to Christ regardless of our past?

In what ways can we remain faithful to God's Word and the God of God's Word when facing circumstances that tempt us toward bitterness or despair?



Small Group Guide: The Kinsman Redeemer

Based on the Book of Ruth - Mother's Day Sermon

Opening Prayer & Icebreaker (10 minutes)

Icebreaker Question: Share about a mother, grandmother, or mother figure who has significantly influenced your faith journey. What specific quality about their faith made the biggest impact on you?

Key Scripture Passages

Ruth 1-4 (entire book)

Leviticus 25:23-25 (Law of Redemption)

Deuteronomy 24:18-21 (Law of Gleaning)

Revelation 5:1-10 (Jesus as Kinsman Redeemer)

Hebrews 2:9, 17

Galatians 3:26-4:7

Sermon Summary (5 minutes)

Have someone briefly summarize the main points:

The principle of the kinsman redeemer and its fulfillment in Christ

Naomi's faithfulness through devastating tragedy

Ruth's conversion and commitment to Naomi's God

Boaz as a type of Christ, redeeming Ruth

The connection to Jesus' genealogy and our redemption

Discussion Questions

Section 1: Understanding the Kinsman Redeemer (15 minutes)



Before this sermon, how familiar were you with the concept of a kinsman redeemer? What does it mean that Jesus had to become human (our "kinsman") to redeem us?

Read Hebrews 2:17. Why was it necessary for Jesus to be "made like his brethren in all things"? How does this affect your relationship with Him?

The sermon emphasized two requirements for a kinsman redeemer: being ABLE to pay the price and WILLING to pay it. How does Jesus fulfill both requirements? What does His willingness tell us about His love for us?

Section 2: Naomi's Faithfulness Through Tragedy (15 minutes)

Naomi experienced the death of her husband and both sons within ten years. Despite calling herself "Mara" (bitter), she continued to walk faithfully with God. What does this teach us about honest grief and continued faithfulness?

The sermon noted that "Naomi's faithfulness...carried on through the vast depths of her grief." How can we support others who are walking through tragedy while maintaining their faith? How can we maintain our own faith during devastating seasons?

Naomi knew God's Word well enough to counsel Ruth about gleaning and redemption. How does knowing Scripture help us navigate difficult circumstances? Share a time when God's Word guided you through a hard season.

Section 3: Ruth's Response and Conversion (15 minutes)

Ruth was so impacted by Naomi's godliness that she declared, "Your God will be my God" (Ruth 1:16). What does this tell us about the power of faithful witness, especially within families?

Ruth followed Naomi's counsel exactly, even when it might have seemed strange or risky. What does this teach us about trusting godly counsel and taking steps of faith?



For mothers/grandmothers in the group: How does Naomi's example encourage or challenge you in your influence on the next generation? For others: How can you honor and learn from the faithful women in your life?

Section 4: God's Sovereign Arrangement (15 minutes)

The sermon emphasized that "there are no coincidences with God" and that He was arranging circumstances throughout Ruth's story. Can you share an example from your own life where you later saw God's hand orchestrating events you didn't understand at the time?

Ruth, a Moabite woman, ended up in the lineage of Jesus Christ, along with Rahab the harlot and Tamar. What does this tell us about who God can use and who is welcome in His family?

Read Revelation 5:9. The sermon connected Boaz's redemption of Ruth to Jesus taking the scroll in Revelation 5. How does understanding this connection deepen your appreciation for what Christ has done for you?

Section 5: Personal Application (15 minutes)

The sermon concluded with this truth: "No matter who you are, or whatever your background is, Jesus is your kinsman redeemer." Is there anything in your past that you've felt disqualifies you from God's love or use? How does this message address that?

Naomi remained faithful and gave counsel according to God's Word, even in her darkest season. What is one practical way you can deepen your knowledge of God's Word this week so you're prepared for future challenges?

The sermon emphasized knowing "the God of God's Word," not just God's Word. What's the difference? How would you describe your personal relationship with God right now?

Key Takeaways



Have group members share which of these truths resonated most with them:

Jesus became our kinsman (human) so He could be our Redeemer

Faithful witness, especially by mothers and grandmothers, has eternal impact

God arranges circumstances in the lives of those who remain faithful to Him

No background, sin, or circumstance disqualifies anyone from redemption

Knowing God's Word equips us to navigate life's challenges with wisdom

Jesus desires the bride (us), not worldly possessions

Honest grief and continued faithfulness can coexist

Practical Applications

Choose 1-2 to commit to this week:

For mothers/grandmothers: Write a letter or have a conversation with your children/grandchildren about your faith journey and why you follow God. Be honest about both struggles and faithfulness.

Memorize Ruth 1:16-17 as a declaration of your commitment to God and His people.

Study one law or principle from Leviticus or Deuteronomy that seems obscure, and research how it points to Christ or teaches us about God's character.

Identify someone in your life walking through tragedy. Reach out to them this week—not with platitudes, but with practical help and your faithful presence.

Journal about areas where you've felt disqualified from God's use or love. Then write out truths from Scripture about your identity in Christ and His redemption.



Read the entire Book of Ruth (only 4 chapters) in one sitting, looking for ways Boaz reflects the character of Christ.

Thank a mother figure who has influenced your faith, specifically telling them how their faithfulness impacted you.

Closing Prayer Focus (10 minutes)

Break into groups of 2-3 and pray for:

Mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers to remain faithful witnesses regardless of circumstances

Those walking through seasons of grief or tragedy to experience God's presence

Greater understanding of Jesus as our Kinsman Redeemer

Anyone who needs to accept Christ's redemption for the first time

Faithfulness to pass on our faith to the next generation

Hearts to trust that God is arranging circumstances for our good and His glory

For Next Week

Read through the Book of Ruth on your own

Come prepared to share one way you saw God's faithfulness in your life this week

Consider: Who in your life needs to hear about the Kinsman Redeemer?

Leader Note: This sermon is particularly powerful for Mother's Day but also contains the core gospel message. Be sensitive to those in your group who may be grieving (loss of a mother, infertility, loss of a child, or difficult relationships with mothers). Create space for honest emotions while pointing everyone to the hope found in Christ, our Redeemer.



5-Day Devotional: The Kinsman Redeemer and God's Faithful Plan

Day 1: Faithfulness in the Midst of Tragedy

Reading: Ruth 1:1-22

Devotional: Naomi's story begins with overwhelming loss—her husband and both sons died, leaving her bitter and empty. Yet even in her deepest grief, she never abandoned her faith in Almighty God. Her life demonstrates that faithfulness isn't the absence of pain or doubt, but continuing to walk with God through the valley. Notice that Naomi didn't hide her bitterness; she was honest about her anguish while remaining committed to God's ways. Her transparent faith became a powerful witness to Ruth, who declared, "Your God will be my God." Today, consider how your faithfulness during difficult seasons might influence those watching your life. God is arranging circumstances even when we cannot see His hand, working all things together for purposes beyond our understanding.

Day 2: The Power of a Mother's Influence

Reading: Ruth 2:1-23; Proverbs 31:26-31

Devotional: Ruth's devotion to Naomi and to Naomi's God reveals the profound impact of godly influence. Though Naomi felt empty and afflicted, her consistent walk with God left an indelible mark on her Moabite daughter-in-law. Ruth witnessed something in Naomi's relationship with the Lord that transcended circumstances—a faith worth following even into an unknown land. Mothers, grandmothers, and spiritual mentors: your faithfulness matters eternally. You may not see the full impact of your witness, but God is weaving your obedience into His redemptive plan. Like Naomi, when you counsel others according to God's Word and demonstrate trust in the God of that Word, you participate in kingdom purposes that extend far beyond your lifetime. Your influence shapes not just individuals, but generations.

Day 3: Our Kinsman Redeemer

Reading: Ruth 3:1-18; Hebrews 2:9-18

Devotional: Boaz beautifully foreshadows Christ as our Kinsman Redeemer. The law required a redeemer to be both able and willing to pay the price. The closer relative had resources but no desire for the bride—he wanted only the property. Boaz, like Jesus, had no need for earthly



possessions; he desired only Ruth. Christ became fully human to redeem us, tasting death so we might live. He didn't come for worldly kingdoms but for His bride, the Church. Notice that Boaz called Ruth "a virtuous woman" despite her foreign status and poverty. Jesus sees you through eyes of love and grace, not through your past or circumstances. He has already paid your redemption price. The question remains: will you, like Ruth, trust the counsel of those who know God and come to your Redeemer?

Day 4: No One Is Excluded

Reading: Ruth 4:1-22; Galatians 3:26-29

Devotional: Jesus' genealogy intentionally includes Rahab the harlot, Ruth the Moabite, and Tamar who conceived through deception. God wove the marginalized, the foreigners, and the broken into the very lineage of the Messiah. This wasn't accidental—it was proclamation. No background disqualifies you from God's redemptive plan. No sin places you beyond His reach. Paul declares there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female in Christ Jesus. The ground is level at the foot of the cross. Whatever shame you carry, whatever past haunts you, whatever label society has placed upon you—none of it prevents you from becoming a child of God. Like Ruth, you need only come under the wings of the God of Israel for refuge. Your Kinsman Redeemer welcomes you with open arms.

Day 5: The Scroll Unsealed

Reading: Revelation 5:1-14; Ruth 4:1-12

Devotional: The legal proceedings at Bethlehem's gate foreshadow the heavenly scene in Revelation 5. Just as Boaz redeemed the land and took his bride before witnesses and elders, Jesus will take the scroll—the title deed to earth—and claim His bride, the Church. The Lion of Judah, appearing as a slain Lamb, is worthy to open the seals because He paid the ultimate redemption price. Notice that those redeemed sing a new song: "You have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation." This is the culmination of God's plan, set in motion before the foundation of the world and worked out through faithful lives like Naomi's. Today, live as one already redeemed, anticipating that glorious moment when all heaven worships the Kinsman Redeemer who desired you above all earthly kingdoms.