
ROOTS

of Redemption



ADVENT

at Living Stones

GRACE FOR THE OUTSIDER

MATTHEW 1:1-6; RUTH 1; RUTH 4:13-22

RUTH FACES A WORLD AS AN OUTSIDER:

- ETHNIC OUTSIDER
- SOCIAL OUTSIDER
- ECONOMIC OUTSIDER

“TRIPLE MARGINALIZED FIGURE” ~

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**GOD USES LOSS TO FORCE US TO FEEL
THAT FACT THAT WE ARE OUTSIDERS.**

RUTH 1:1–5; 1:19–21; 2:2–3

For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself.

2 Corinthians 1:8



THE FIRST RESPONSE TO BEING
AN OUTSIDER IS **RECOGNITION,**
NOT SELF-RESCUE.

would you therefore wait till they were grown?
Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No,
my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me
for your sake that the hand of the LORD has
gone out against me.”

Ruth 1:13

And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." 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. 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." And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

Ruth 1:15-18

THE WAY IN IS NOT SENTIMENTAL BUT COVENANTAL. RUTH 1:15–18

- SENTIMENTAL COMFORT COMES EASILY. THE COVENANT PATH IS DIFFICULT. (RUTH 1:15)
- COVENANT COMFORT ATTACHES TO A PERSON, NOT A FEELING (V. 16)
- COVENANT COMFORT REDEFINES IDENTITY (V. 16)
- COVENANT COMFORT COMMITS TO THE END (V. 17)

“Whenever people of faith practice God-like [covenant love] toward each other, God himself acts in them.”

~ Robert L Hubbard Jr (NTGOT)

**IT TAKES A REDEEMER TO BRING
THE OUTSIDER IN RUTH 4:13–22**

“If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the dead man shall not be married outside the family to a stranger. Her husband’s brother shall go in to her and take her as his wife and perform the duty of a husband’s brother to her. And the first son whom she bears shall succeed to the name of his dead brother [...].

Deuteronomy 25:5-6

BOAZ THE REDEEMER

- PUBLICLY IDENTIFIES WITH RUTH (4:10)
- PAYS THE REDEEMERS' PRICE (4:10)
- RESTORES HER FUTURE (4:10)

BOAZ ANTICIPATES CHRIST THE REDEEMER:

**BOAZ IDENTIFIES WITH RUTH (4:10) / CHRIST
IDENTIFIES WITH US (HEBREWS 2:11)**

**BOAZ PAYS THE REDEEMERS' PRICE. (4:10) /
CHRIST PAYS WITH HIS LIFE (TITUS 2:14)**

**BOAZ RESTORES HER FUTURE. (4:10). / CHRIST
RESTORES OUR ETERNAL FUTURE (EPH. 2:12–13, 19)**

**THE OUTSIDER LOOKS FROM
RUTH, TO THE MANGER, TO
CHRIST THE REDEEMER.**