

Ruth 4

Jesus

I. Boaz Redeems Ruth

1 Now Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there; and behold, the close relative of whom Boaz had spoken came by.

- Boaz sits/waits at Gate of city for closest relative to Redeem Ruth/Naomi
 1. If he agrees to marry Ruth it's all over
 2. If he says no then Boaz will marry her

1b... So Boaz said, "**Come aside, friend**, sit down here." So he came aside and sat down.

- This "Friend" could have taken/mistreated the Bride...

Matthew 26:50 ...Jesus said to [Judas], "**Friend, why have you come?**" Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him.

- Closer relative sits beside Boaz...

2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down.

- **City Gate/Entrance/Exit of the City:**
 1. Where Elders/Judges/Prominent would sit
 2. Boaz calls them 10 elders as witnesses to event

3 Then he said to the close relative, "Naomi, who has come back from the **country of Moab**, sold the piece of land which belonged to our brother Elimelech. 4 And I thought to inform you, saying, '**Buy it back** in the presence of the inhabitants and the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know; for there is no one but you to redeem it, and I am next after you.' " And he said, "I will redeem it."

- **I will redeem it. I want the land**
 1. So far not responsibility except buying the land
 2. Boaz makes deal seem sweet/ If you don't I will
 3. Naomi too old to marry and no mention of Ruth at all...yet

The Art of the Deal?

- **Boaz pulls a Columbo:** "Uh, just one more thing sir"

5 Then Boaz said, "On the day you **buy the field** from the hand of Naomi, you **must also buy it from Ruth the Moabitess**, the wife of the dead, to **perpetuate the name of the dead** through his inheritance."

- **All or nothing:** The land and Ruth or nothing as per law

6 And the close relative said, **"I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I ruin my own inheritance.**

- **Ruin my own inheritance?**

1. His land was probably divided among his kids
2. Future children with Ruth would have been complicated

6b... You redeem my right of redemption for yourself, for I cannot redeem it."

- **Boaz outwardly:** Okay, I guess...
- **Boaz inwardly:** Yah man!

Proverbs 20:14 "It is **good for nothing,**" cries the buyer; But when he has gone his way, then **he boasts.**

7 Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging, to **confirm anything:** one man took off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was a confirmation in Israel.

- **In lieu of signing agreement:** Take off shoe/give it to other while witnessed

Deuteronomy 25:8 [Little more to it...] Then the elders of his city shall call him and speak to him. But if he stands firm and says, 'I do not want to take her,' 9 then his brother's wife shall come to him in the presence of the elders, **remove his sandal from his foot, spit in his face,** and answer and say, 'So shall it be done to the man who will not build up his brother's house.' 10 And his name shall be called in Israel, 'The house of him who had his sandal removed.'

8 Therefore the close relative said to Boaz, **"Buy it for yourself."**

"Mr. house of him removed his sandal" clears the way for **Boaz to marry Ruth**

8b... So he took off his sandal. 9 And Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was [his son's] Chilion's and Mahlon's, from the hand of Naomi. 10 Moreover, **Ruth the Moabites,** the widow of Mahlon, **I have acquired** as my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead through his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brethren and from his position at the gate. **You are witnesses this day."**

- **Wedding Announcement:** You are witnessing this day

All of Creation witnessed Jesus winning His Bride to Himself!

Colossians 2:14 ... having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a **public spectacle of them,** triumphing over them in it.

- **Spectacle:** Show her off to those who sought her harm. Sending them away.

11 And all the people who were at the gate, and the elders, said, "We are witnesses. The Lord make the woman who is coming to your house like Rachel and Leah, the two who built the house of Israel; and may you prosper in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem. 12 May your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring which the Lord will give you from this young woman."

- **Rachel/Leah:** Jacob's wives and mothers of 12 son/12 Tribes Israel

Psalm 127:3 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward. 4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. 5 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

Psalm 128:3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine In the very heart of your house, Your children like olive plants All around your table.

- From a widow in foreign land to virtuous wife/mother in Land of Promise

That is what God does

SUMMARY Boaz Redeems Ruth

II. Descendants of Boaz and Ruth

13 So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife; and when he went in to her, the **Lord gave her conception, and she bore a son.**

- **The Lord gave her conception...**
 1. Children born for a **purpose**
 2. Children born for a **destiny**

14 Then the women said to Naomi, "**Blessed be the Lord**, who has not left you this day without a close relative; and may his name be famous in Israel! 15 And may he be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has borne him."

- **We look back** at what the Lord has done and are amazed...
 1. Famine in Bethlehem/Leave for dark foreign land
 2. Naomi's husband and sons die takes in sons wife Ruth
 3. Naomi return to Bethlehem w/ Ruth after over 10 years

Ruth 3:19 Now the two of them went until they came to Bethlehem. And it happened, when they had come to Bethlehem, that all the city was excited because of them; and the women said, "Is this Naomi?" 20 But she said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; **call me Mara [Bitter]**, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. 21 I went out full, and the Lord has brought me home again empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since the Lord has testified against me, and the **Almighty has afflicted me?**" 22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. Now they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

Naomi thought her life was over but it had just begun
When she finally came to end of self/seed died but new life began as God took over

Ephesians 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly **above all that we ask** or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

16 Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her bosom, and became a nurse to him. 17 Also the neighbor women gave him a name, saying, "**There is a son born to Naomi.**" And they called his name **Obed**. He is the father of **Jesse**, the father of **David**.

- **Naomi would be known as a mother once again** [though not]
 1. Those that watched Naomi nurse the boy gave him a name...**Obed**.
 2. **Obed** would grow up and have a son named ...**Jesse**
 3. **Jesse** would grow up and have a son named...**David**

David would grow to have a son named Solomon w/ all Kings of Judah as his descendants
Culminating in the birth of the King of Kings our Lord Jesus Christ, Son of David

- **Author reaches back before Boaz...**

18 Now this is the genealogy of Perez: Perez begot Hezron; 19 Hezron begot Ram, and Ram begot Amminadab; 20 Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon; 21 **Salmon begot Boaz**, and Boaz begot Obed; 22 Obed begot Jesse, and **Jesse begot David**.

- Salmon begot Boaz but who was Boaz mother?

Matthew 1:5 Salmon begot Boaz by **Rahab**, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse,

- **Rahab the Harlot is...**
 1. Boaz mother and now Ruth's mother-in-law
 2. David's grandmother
 3. Jesus great, great grandmother in His human lineage
- **Jesus mother perceived as an immoral woman:** Unwed mother, child out wedlock
- **Mary was not that...**but she absolutely **knew she was a sinner** in need of a Savior...

Luke 1:46 [Song of Mary the virgin while pregnant] "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 And my spirit has rejoiced in **God my Savior**. 48 For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. 49 For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name.

- Rahab was a sinner, Mary was a sinner, we are all sinners

Romans 3:23 ...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

- As Ruth we come softly/humbly to Jesus even in our darkness...

1 Timothy 1:15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

**Jesus came to redeem sinners and to make us His spotless bride
He is our Kinsman Redeemer: He Redeemed us/Bought us back from sin/death**

- Our souls have been redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb

Revelation 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And **have redeemed us to God by Your blood** Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation..."

- Our souls have been redeemed but...
- **Our bodies have yet to be redeemed...**

Ephesians 1:13 ... you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the **redemption of the purchased possession...**

Romans 8:22 ...we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. 23 Not only that, but we also who have the **firstfruits of the Spirit**, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the **redemption of our body**. 24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?

- Our bodies will be redeemed the **moment we see Jesus!**

1 Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be **changed**— 52 in a moment, **in the twinkling of an eye**, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

Philippians 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will **transform our lowly body** that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

Bodies prepared to live with Jesus forever
Given us a guarantee of the Consummation and Marriage

- **His Spirit a Guarantee:** Taste of Heaven

Ruth 3:15 ... he measured six ephahs of barley, and laid it on her.

1 Corinthians 2:9 ... Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him. 10 **But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit.**

2 Corinthians 5:1 ... we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, 3 if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. 4 For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. 5 Now **He who has prepared us** for this very thing is God, who also has given us the **Spirit as a guarantee.**

- His Spirit as a Guarantee
- **His Word as a Guarantee**

Ruth 3:11 And now, my daughter, do not fear. **I will do for you all that you request...**

John 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. [7 Year Wedding in Heaven]

Ruth. A love Story

Ephesians 5:32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning **Christ and the church.**

Ruth. A story of Redemption

- Jesus came to redeem sinners from sin/death and to...
- Make us His spotless Bride to be with Him for Eternity. That is what He did for us...

And they lived happily ever after...