

# The Gospel According to

# Ruth



## STUDY GUIDE

### PART 5: THE LOVE THAT REDEEMS

*Ruth 4:1–12*



#### MAIN IDEA

Boaz shows us a picture of Jesus. His redeeming love willingly moves toward those in need, pays the price others refuse to pay, and restores what was lost. That is how much God loves us.

#### OVERVIEW

In the city gate of Bethlehem, Boaz steps forward as the kinsman-redeemer. Another man had the right to redeem Naomi's family, but he refused. Boaz willingly pays the price,—redeeming the family name and the land, marrying Ruth, and restoring a future. This scene points us to Jesus, who willingly paid the ultimate price to redeem us and restore us to God.



#### SCRIPTURE

"Today you are witnesses that I have bought from Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech, Kilion and Mahlon."

— *Ruth 4:10*

#### KEY POINTS

##### 1 REDEEMING LOVE MOVES TOWARD THOSE IN NEED.

*Ruth 4:1–4*

Boaz doesn't wait for the problem to resolve itself. He moves intentionally toward Naomi and Ruth's need by going to the city gate. Like Boaz, Jesus did not wait for us to come to Him. He entered our broken world and moved toward us in our greatest need.

##### 2 REDEEMING LOVE PAYS THE PRICE OTHERS REFUSE TO PAY.

*Ruth 4:5–8*

The nearer relative counted the cost and declined. Boaz willingly accepted the cost because someone needed redeeming. At the cross, Jesus paid the price that no one else could pay, securing our redemption through His own sacrifice.

##### 3 REDEEMING LOVE RESTORES WHAT WAS LOST.

*Ruth 4:9–12*

Boaz redeemed a family, a name, an inheritance, and a future. Jesus restores even more. Through His redeeming love, He restores our relationship with God, gives us a new identity, and secures an eternal inheritance.



#### PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank You for redeeming me when I could never redeem myself. You moved toward me in love, paid the price I could not pay, and restored what was lost. Help me to rest in the wonder of Your redeeming love and live as one who is Yours. Amen.



#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

- 1 What does Boaz's willingness to pay the price teach you about the heart of God toward you?
- 2 How does understanding the cost of your redemption deepen your appreciation for Christ?