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# BELL CREEK

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## Community Church



**OCTOBER 4, 2026**

**THE LORD HAS NOT LEFT YOU WITHOUT A REDEEMER**  
RUTH CHAPTER 4

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CURRENT SERMON SERIES:  
THE BOOK OF RUTH

# **THE LORD HAS NOT LEFT YOU WITHOUT A REDEEMER**

## **RUTH CHAPTER 4**

**The Redeemer Settles the Matter**

**The Redeemer Fills the Emptiness**

**The Redeemer Secures the Future**

### **FOR NEXT WEEK**

Read Mark 2:1-12

### **DAILY CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE READING**

OCTOBER 4: MATTHEW 3; MARK 1; LUKE 3  
OCTOBER 5: MATTHEW 4; LUKE 4-5; JOHN 1:15-51  
OCTOBER 6: JOHN 2-4  
OCTOBER 7: MATTHEW 8-9; MARK 2  
OCTOBER 8: JOHN 5  
OCTOBER 9: MATTHEW 12:1-21; MARK 3; LUKE 6  
OCTOBER 10: MATTHEW 5-7

# UPCOMING AT THE CREEK

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## **DADCO**

DadCo is a community just for dads that gives an opportunity to build real friendships, share honest advice on parenting and life, and helps dads find encouragement through monthly meetups and events. Whether you are a new dad or your kids are grown, DadCo equips you to thrive as a father, husband, and man-together in community! The ministry meets the first Monday of each month. Join us at our next gathering on Monday, October 5 at 6:30 PM in the Prayer Room. More information to come! Please reach out to Alex Quint or email [info@bellcreek.org](mailto:info@bellcreek.org) to learn more.

## **MEET & EAT**

Join us for food and fellowship on Sunday, October 11 following both services. The cost is \$5 per person with a \$20 max per family.

## **MOMCO RUMMAGE SALE**

Save the date! Our Fall Rummage Sale hosted by our MomCo Ministry will be Saturday, October 17 from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. Information regarding volunteer opportunities are to follow. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda or Rachel ([mops@bellcreek.org](mailto:mops@bellcreek.org)). Drop off times for donations will be:

Sunday, October 11 2:30-3:30 PM  
Monday, October 12 6:30-8:00 PM  
Wednesday, October 14 6:00-8:00 PM  
Thursday, October 15 9:30 AM-2:00 PM and 5:00-8:00 PM  
Friday, October 16 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

## **SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY**

Pastor Dylan's Systematic Theology class will begin on Sunday, October 18 from 6:00-7:30 PM in the Prayer Room.

## **TRUNK OR TREAT**

Our annual Trunk or Treat outreach will be on Sunday, October 25 from 2:00-4:30 PM. More details to come.

## **YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

Our Young Adult group is for adults 18-30 years old, and will now meet twice a month! Our next gathering will be Sunday, October 11, after the second service in the Prayer Room. Join us for lunch, fellowship, games, and encouragement in our faith. Other gatherings and outings will be planned for various times throughout the year. Join us as we gather and build friendships with other young people in a fun and laid-back environment!

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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## **PRAYER MEETINGS**

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 7:30 PM

FRIDAYS 12 NOON

## **PRE-TEEN & MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY**

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 7:45 PM

SUNDAYS AFTER WORSHIP

2ND SERVICE

## **AWANA**

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 7:45 PM

SEPTEMBER-MAY

## **HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY**

SUNDAYS 11:00 AM

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AND EVENTS AT [BELLCREEK.ORG](http://BELLCREEK.ORG)

# OUR MISSION

## **MATTHEW 22:37–40**

He said to him, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the law and prophets depend on these two commandments.”

## **MATTHEW 28:19–20**

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember that I am with you always to the end of the age.

# STAY CONNECTED

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU HERE!**

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## Sermon Series | Ruth – The God Who Redeems

**Sunday, October 4, 2026 | The Lord Has Not Left You Without a Redeemer**

### The Redeemer Settles the Matter

“Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the redeemer, of whom Boaz had spoken, came by. So Boaz said, “Turn aside, friend; sit down here.” And he turned aside and sat down.” (Ruth 4:1, ESV)

“And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, “Sit down here.” So they sat down. Then he said to the redeemer, “Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our relative Elimelech. So I thought I would tell you of it and say, ‘Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people.’ If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you will not, tell me, that I may know, for there is no one besides you to redeem it, and I come after you.” And he said, “I will redeem it.”” (Ruth 4:2–4, ESV)

The first man (the nearer relative) sees an opportunity to add to his real-estate! However, Boaz tells him the rest of the story...

“Then Boaz said, “The day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead, in order to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance.”” (Ruth 4:5, ESV)

“Then the redeemer said, “I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it.”” (Ruth 4:6, ESV)

In their world, if a family lost its land or its men died, the closest male relative (if he was eligible and willing) could step in to buy back the land and carry on the family line, so the vulnerable weren't left destitute. Boaz is doing exactly that. He's stepping in to protect Ruth and Naomi, preserve the family name, restore what was lost, give them a future. Simple, fair, compassionate. And it's a picture of how God doesn't leave people exposed. He provides a Redeemer.

For Boaz, it meant financial and relational cost. Buying land that wouldn't ultimately be counted as his, plus the responsibility to provide for Ruth and Naomi. The nearer relative backs out because it might jeopardize his own estate. Boaz accepts the responsibility. His willingness to absorb the cost is what makes his redemption so tangible.

“Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one drew off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was the manner of attesting in Israel. So when the redeemer said to Boaz, “Buy it for yourself,” he drew off his sandal.” (Ruth 4:7–8, ESV)

“Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, “You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and to Mahlon.” (Ruth 4:9, ESV)

“Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day.” (Ruth 4:10, ESV)

“Then all the people who were at the gate and the elders said, “We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you act worthily in Ephrathah and be renowned in Bethlehem, and may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring that the LORD will give you by this young woman.”” (Ruth 4:11–12, ESV)

This is a significant blessing! the 12 sons of Rachel and Leah were the fathers of the 12 tribes of Israel!

And when they mention Perez, they are not just invoking some obscure ancestor. Perez was born to Judah and Tamar in Genesis 38. Tamar was Judah’s widowed daughter-in-law, and after Judah failed to provide a husband for Tamar, his son’s widow, she disguised herself as a prostitute and became pregnant by Judah. It is a morally tangled story, but Perez becomes the ancestor of a major clan in Judah and ultimately part of the line leading to David. (read Genesis 38). It was another story of a family line that was almost extinct. Out of major dysfunction, God’s grace prevailed, and Perez’s house became numerous, established, and prominent in Judah. The blessing is essentially: “May the family that comes from Boaz and Ruth become as fruitful and significant as the great house of Perez.”

## **The Redeemer Fills the Emptiness**

“So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel!” (Ruth 4:13–14, ESV)

“He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him.”” (Ruth 4:15, ESV)

“I went away full, and the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the LORD has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?”” (Ruth 1:21, ESV)

Ruth 3:17: “You must not go back empty-handed to your mother-in-law.”

“Obed” means “one who serves.” He will be “a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age...”

“Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her lap and became his nurse. And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.” (Ruth 4:16–17, ESV)

## **The Redeemer Secures the Future**

“Now these are the generations of Perez: Perez fathered Hezron, Hezron fathered Ram, Ram fathered Amminadab,” (Ruth 4:18–19, ESV)

“Amminadab fathered Nahshon, Nahshon fathered Salmon, Salmon fathered Boaz, Boaz fathered Obed,” (Ruth 4:20–21, ESV)

Do you know who Boaz’s mother is? Rahab! Rahab was the prostitute in Jericho who hid the Israelite spies in Joshua 2 and confessed faith in the LORD. When Jericho fell, she and her family were spared and brought into Israel. Boaz himself comes from a family line that already includes a Gentile woman brought into the people of God by faith.

“Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David.” (Ruth 4:22, ESV)

David. KING David! Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is a “Son of David.”

“and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah,” (Matthew 1:5–6, ESV)

### **Jesus is our Kinsman-Redeemer**

A kinsman-redeemer had to be related to those he redeemed. Jesus became one of us. He was tempted in every way that we are but never sinned.

A kinsman-redeemer had to be able to redeem. Jesus was fully God and fully man.

A kinsman-redeemer had to be willing to redeem. Jesus said “I came to seek and save the lost.”

Redemption came at a great cost to the kinsman-redeemer. Jesus says, “I came not to be served but to serve, and to give my life as a ransom for many.”

A kinsman-redeemer restores what had been lost. Peter 5:10 says, “the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.” Revelation 21:5, Jesus says, “Behold, I am making all things new.”

A kinsman-redeemer brings the outsider into the family. Ephesians 2:19, Jesus has brought us into the household of God: “So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.”

A kinsman-redeemer gives a future where there appeared to be none. John 10:10, Jesus says, “I have come that you may have life, and have it abundantly.”

A kinsman-redeemer does not leave the matter unsettled. When Jesus had accomplished our salvation, He said, “It is finished.”

Questions:

Do you see the Redeemer we have in Jesus? Do you see that He is *one of us*? He became a man, so He *knows* what we face, and He sympathizes with us? But He is not just a man, He is God, the Holy One, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. He is ready, willing and able to save us. And if He’s willing to save us, He is certainly willing to help us with every other thing we are facing. Where do you need renewed hope today? Where do you need help today? Trust that your Redeemer is with you and will finish his work!

Where are you and I looking for hope in this life? You and I need a Redeemer! There is no answer for our sins apart from Jesus. He loves us, and if He is able to save us from sin, Hell, death, and the Enemy (and He is), then we can trust Him to help us with everything else. Will you trust the wonderful, powerful, mighty, loving, invincible Redeemer God has provided for you? His name is Jesus!