# THEIR REDEEMER IS STRONG



*The Foreigner*

**Their Redeemer calls us to use our strength for those treated as outsiders.**

## SERIES SUMMARY

Across the Scriptural library—from the Torah to the Gospels—we see God's heart for the most vulnerable among us.

Even when human justice grows corrupt or human systems fail to defend, there is a God in Heaven who sees, cares, and acts on their behalf.

The promise that "their Redeemer is strong" (Proverbs 23:11) stands as a bold warning to all of us across generations—and as a merciful reassurance to the orphan, the widow, the poor, and the foreigner among us.

## ICEBREAKER

What food, custom, or tradition from another culture have you come to love (pizza and tacos don't count)?

## SCRIPTURE

**1 Kings 17:8–24 + Luke 4:16–30**

The story of Elijah and the widow from Zarephath.

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## LEARNING FROM HIS STORY

1. Why do you think God constantly insists on unnecessarily pulling foreigners like this widow into Israel's story? What does it usually reveal about Him and about us?
2. What is it about our common sinful nature that makes us so touchy about "our people" (to the point that Nazareth was ready to push Jesus off a cliff!)?

## EXAMINING OUR OWN STORY

3. When have you felt most like a "foreigner" and how did that increase your appreciation for what it's like to live that way?
4. In what ways do you find it hardest to feel like our identity in Christ supersedes things like our nationality or ethnicity?
5. Can you share about a time you were blessed by (or even had the privilege to bless) someone very different from you?

## WRITING A NEW STORY

7. When topics like this become politically charged, how do we make sure we keep chasing God's heart and perspective?
8. **Philoxenia (often translated hospitality) literally means love of strangers/foreigners.** How is it possible to practice this deeply Christian way of living in our own local context?
9. Elijah and the widow modeled mutual blessing. How can we aim at keeping relationships with the poor or fatherless or widows or foreigners from becoming one-way blessings?

## TAKING TIME TO PRAY

Redeemer and Defender of the foreigner, you love those we may see as outsiders. Overcome our fear and teach us to love beyond the boundaries of "our own." Amen.

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