

Ruth 4:7-12 Rootwork

It Was Never About The Land Anyway

1. (Everyday) Before you begin your study time - spend time in prayer! Go through your “yesterday” and ask the Lord to reveal your heart! Prepare your heart and surrender your will to the Spirit of God! Allow Him to have full access by not withholding anything He wants to do in and then do through you!! Make a conscious effort to bow your will and your obedience to the Lord before you even dive in! This prepares your heart to hear and to heed everything He speaks to you!
2. (Everyday) Then spend time in adoration and worship after you have cleansed your heart and before you dive into the scriptures!! Proclaiming who God is and adoring Him lifts our eyes up and keeps our focus on what really matters...putting God in His rightful place and putting us in ours! Remember, the enemy is going to try to keep you from being in the Word, he hates when we worship our God- Worship breaks his bondages over believers, so submit to God, resist him and he will flee!!
3. If you were at the “Digging Deeper Workshop” and you would like to structure these scriptures, Copy and paste Ruth 4:7-12 into a word/pages document or write it out verse by verse, following the structuring handouts you received! If you were not there and want to watch it, search “Digging Deeper” on our website or app and watch it for tools to help you in your study time!
4. (Everyday) After you finish your rootwork every day, be sure to spend time in prayer (ACTS) going through what you have learned and received from the Word of God! This is also in your “Digging Deeper” handout!
5. If you have not done so already, spend some time reviewing every section theme-review the lessons that were impactful to you. Make note of those and the testimonies of what God has done through that! Record them and please consider sharing some of those with us at the Ruth wrap up!
6. Review by reading all of chapter 4 until you get to verse 12. Where are we at in the lives of Ruth, Boaz and Naomi and is there anything you see this time reading it that you did not see before?
7. Go through verses 7-12 again and look up any words that you want further insight on in your Blue Letter Bible app. Pay close attention and be sure to label “redeem” or “to buy” as well as “witnesses”, this will be a word that is also repeated often. (If you have questions on what the Blue Letter Bible app is or how to use it, please email me or grab me at any of our services and I will be happy to show you!)

8. Since this section starts with the former things, look up what those former things are in Deuteronomy 25:5-10 and record the commands the Lord has given in this situation!
9. Look at verse 7, and from our study, what two words stick out to you and why?

10. We know that Boaz is a typology of Christ, a foreshadow of what is to come...He both redeemed and exchanged Himself for us when He took on flesh and fulfilled the law of God in the fullest! He clothed Himself in flesh so that we can clothe ourselves in Righteousness...He clothed Himself in flesh so that He can rightfully represent us and redeem us!! Think about that statement..write our a prayer of response and gratitude!!

11. Look up and define the words, “redeemed” and “exchanged” and look up as many verses as you can find where Christ Jesus has fulfilled and become that for you! As you look them up, read them as you have never read them before. Look at the details and the reality of what has been done for you! What had to happen in order for Christ to come and take your place! What kind of love is this?! Write out your thoughts.... Here are a few verses we covered on this:

- Hebrews 2:14-18
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- 2 Cor. 5:21
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- Galatians 2:20
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- Isaiah 53:4-6
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12. How do these verses change your perspective? How does your heart respond to this?

13. Look at the last part of verse 7, what did the law require in order to signify ownership or possession?

14. Look up the following verses and record how this relates to this law:

- Joshua 1:3
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- Joshua 5:15
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- Exodus 3:5
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15. Read John 13 slowly! As you read it, think of the significance of what you have learned about feet, and now the removal of sandals. The disciples had to remove their sandals in order to have their feet washed and even though there were so many pictures and shadows fulfilled here..think of this one, the one of their Redeemer fulfilling the law before their eyes!! He is saying, “This is no longer your responsibility, you can

not earn righteousness on your own...this is My territory.” How amazing is that? Our God is perfect and His precepts are true!!

16. In light of this what does this tell you about who God is? What did He do for you? Who are you? And what now do you do? Be sure to record this in your Who is God journal!

17. In Bible study we discussed the reality of self righteousness..what is it and have you struggled with it? Is this something you are currently struggling with now?

18. We also discussed that when convicted we have one of two choices..what are those choices? What do you do when the enemy tries to convince you that you are not good enough and you never will be? What do you tell him? Where do you run? How do you run?

19. The answers to the previous questions will need to be determined before the lies start coming, and the battle starts raging. What will you do next time when face to face with conviction so that it does not lead to condemnation?

20. In Bible study we talked specifically about the will of God in three different ways. In Ruth 4 we have seen all three lived out. What are they?

21. Read verse 8 of Ruth 4. We see that this no name kinsmen was left with a choice and he chose to give up his responsibility, his possession of the land and the bride. This is an example of God's permissible will! Write out what you can remember about what God's permissible will is and how you are face to face with it every single day.

- Permissible Will of God Defined: what God allows to happen, even if it contradicts His perfect or preceptive will, while still working towards His ultimate purpose, often involving evil or sin, but never contradicting His sovereignty.

22. We went over the first two and will cover the third one next time but in short we see the permissible will of God here with the choice of the kinsmen to obey or not to obey the preceptive will of God. And because he chose not to obey, God made His perfect will known through Boaz. Think through this, do you see how they all come together? How God sets up a standard through His preceptive will, gives us the ability to make choices with His permissible will, all the while carrying out His perfect will through Christ for all mankind! AND not one of them contradict His sovereignty!! What does this tell you about who your God is?

23. God does not force us to make the right decisions, this is the part of our will He will not touch...and this is the part of the will of others we can not touch. It is so difficult when we see the ones we love make decisions that are destructive and give way to the enemy, but we can do nothing to change their will...we pray and intercede and allow the Spirit of God to give opportunities for them to turn to Him!! Have you been there? Are you there now? It is so hard isn't it? But we have to trust the Lord with all our hearts!

Write out Proverbs 3:5-6 and look up every word in those two verses as you commit to trust Him with your loved one!!

24. Read 1 Samuel 8 and write out how God's permissible will worked in the lives of the Israelites and what happened! Have you ever received exactly what you wanted and prayed for even after God said that was not best for you? If so, what happened?

25. The decisions we make by the permissible will of God does impact how we can be used by God and how we can be a part of God's plans..explain why this is true!

26. Read verse 9, can you imagine yourself here? Can you see Boaz's excitement?

27. All because Boaz was careful to follow the perceptive will God, the Lord was able to work His perfect will through him!

- Preceptive will of God defined- What God reveals to us as His commands, precepts, or moral law, outlining what He wants us to do (or not do).

28. Boaz stepped up and made the right decision and God blessed his obedience. Have you ever chose to obey God even when the outcome looked bleak? Where you could not see at first how it was going to work out and God blessed your obedient? How? What happened?

29. Just like Boaz, Jesus obeyed the perceptive will of God to become

our Kinsmen Redeemer! He even had witnesses, read Acts 10:34-43 and record why it is important to have the witnesses?

30. Do you realize that you and I are to be living witnesses of the work of Christ? How is this lived out in your own life? How can others see the transforming power of the cross and the Spirit of God in you?

31. In Bible study we talked about not having to understand what God is doing...is this something you struggle with? Do you have to know what God is doing and feel a need to understand His plans? If so, why do you think you struggle with that?

32. Why is knowing who God is change the fact that I need to know what He is doing? Or in other words, how does knowing His character remedy my need for understanding?

33. Read verse 10, what is the emphasis on here?

34. Boaz is focused on Ruth and continuing the name , and inheritance of Ruth's children...did you hear about the land? We see "all that belonged to Elimelech" in verse 9 but the emphasis was not on the land..because it was never about the land anyway! Boaz did not need or care about the land, he cared about Ruth and the obedience to the Lord! Just like our Savior!! When He redeemed us, He has no need or care for the

land! It was never about the land anyway! Write out a prayer of gratitude and do not forget to write what you see about God in your Who is God journal!

35. From here on out, Ruth is no longer known as a Moabite! She is known as the wife of Boaz, the great great grandmother of David! Her identity has changed completely! Do you remember when you first walked in your new identity in Christ? What was it like? Write out what you once were and who you are now because of your Redeemer!

36. When you think of your life before you met your Savior, do you still feel shame? Are you still living in your old identity even though you know you have been redeemed?

37. If you still have shame when you remember where God has brought you from... it is probably because you have not fully received the forgiveness of the Lord. I want you to write out whatever it is that you are still shameful of and pray over it, give it to the Lord in surrender and receive the forgiveness given to you! Below I have given you some steps that I wrote up on surrender that may help you in this process: (please do not rush this, take your time)

- The Battle Begins in my Mind!! 2 Cor. 10:3-6 "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war against the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.(strongholds) We are destroying speculations(doubts) and every lofty (prideful) thing raised up against the knowledge(understanding) of God (who He is), and we are taking every thought (perception) captive to the obedience of Christ, and we are ready to punish (protect, defend) all disobedience, whenever your obedience is complete (Ready-Paul sees no point in coming to confront disobedience until those who have obeyed Jesus have made up their mind to do so.)
- "Whatever my mind is fixed on is the very thing to which I am faithful!! Father God must be my stronghold or something else will" (Judy Bake
- What is that something else? What is it that you keep holding on to and not allowing God to have full access to and forgive? What trial or temptation are you currently facing that needs to be surrendered and let go of so God can do His work in your life?
- Name it- Tell God what you are feeling, thinking, wanting, what you are shameful of - Write it out!
- Ask God, "why am I feeling like this- why is it bothering me? Why am I holding on the past? Why do I feel like I need _____"
- Confess it- Confess to the Lord that sin- confess what that root is- what that shame is, what is stopping you from walking in your new identity!
- Leave it- repent from it, turn from it- leave it behind and turn to your God- away from your past and who you once were!

10• RECEIVE IT(Forgiveness) - Receive your Heavenly Father's forgiveness given to you on Calvary, given to you through Jesus Christ! Receive it- He is pouring out His love and pouring out His grace on you!! Receive it!

• REJOICE IN THE FORGIVENESS OF GOD!!! WALK IN THE GRACE HE HAS GIVEN!! WALK IN YOUR FULL IDENTITY OF THE REDEEMED CHILD OF GOD, THE BRIDE OF CHRIST!! He has paid a high, high price for you walk in your new identity in Christ!

38. Read Ruth 4:11, what do you see happen now?

39. What are the 3 blessings the elders give in this verse? Why?

40. Read verse 12, what fourth blessing do you see given here?

41. Read Genesis 38 for the full details! How can this be a blessing?

42. Remember, like with the nation of Moab, the house of Perez has just as much sin and scandal...what does this tell you about God that He would be willing to allow His Son to come through this line? What does it tell you about how He sees you and me? How He can use you and me?

43. Notice how the focus of the elders were all temporal, earthly legacies...oh how we are not much different! How has your focus been on temporal legacies or earthly things rather than eternal legacies and eternal things?

44. How can you change your perspective practically? Change your focus from an earthly legacy to an eternal one?

45. We discussed the danger of consumer mentality compared to pouring out mentality...what do I mean by that? Why is it dangerous?

46. Is this something that has been a struggle for you?

47. What does "pouring out" look in your life practically?

48. Consuming has to happen first but as we take in the Word of God, letting it wash, nourish and transform us. We then have to let that washing pour out in obedience and then on to others around us in service! See, acquiring knowledge is like acquiring land..if you don't use it, it becomes wasted, overgrown and undernourished. But when it is utilized for what it was created for, it can be used to feed a multitude of people!! 🤔
....but it was never about the land anyway....it was always about the redemption of souls! 😊