

Open It

What's one choice you've made that changed the direction of your life in a positive way?

Study It

What personal disasters did Naomi experience (1:1-5)?

Why do you think Ruth insisted on returning to Bethlehem with Naomi (1:15-18)?

What hope arises for Ruth as she gleanes the field for leftovers (2:19-20)?

What might be the significance of Ruth's request to Boaz to "spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer" (3:7-11)? See also Ez. 16:8.

Describe the cost for Boaz to fulfill the role of a kinsman-redeemer with Ruth (4:9-10). What was he agreeing to do?

What is the significance of Boaz and Ruth in God's greater redemptive story (4:13-17)?

Get It

What makes it hard to make godly choices in times of difficulty?

Why is it important to acknowledge God in decision-making?

Where do you see God sovereignly working behind the scenes of this story?

Live It

How can you build a habit of acknowledging God in your daily choices?

What is one decision you're facing right now where you need to intentionally acknowledge God before moving forward?

"Acknowledging God in All Your Ways"

Ruth 1:8-18

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Ruth 1:16-17

¹⁶ But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." ¹⁸ And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

Sermon Proposition

Acknowledging God in the choices you make reaps God's favor and blessing in your life.

1. Your godly character is formed by the choices you make.

All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. The Lord repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!

Ruth 2:11 (ESV)

2. Your obedience opens the door to God's sovereign blessings.

"I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer."¹⁰ And he said, "May you be blessed by the Lord, my daughter. You have made this last kindness greater than the first in that you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich."¹¹ And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you ask.

Ruth 3:9b-10a (ESV)

3. Your submission to God's will brings about His purposes in the world.

¹² And now it is true that I am a redeemer. Yet there is a redeemer nearer than I. ¹³ Remain tonight, and in the morning, if he will redeem you, good; let him do it. But if he is not willing to redeem you, then, as the Lord lives, I will redeem you.

Ruth 3:12-13 (ESV)

¹³ 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.

¹⁷ They named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Ruth 4:13, 17 (ESV)

Application

1. Make godly choices that build your character

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV)

2. Rest your godly choices in the providence of God

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28 (ESV)

3. Receive Jesus as your kinsman-redeemer

¹⁷ Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

Hebrews 2:17 (ESV)