

There is a Redeemer

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Ruth 1:16, 17

*Do not persuade me to leave you
Or go back and not follow you,
For wherever you go, I will go,
And wherever you live, I will live;
Your people will be my people,
And your God will be my God,
Where you die, I will die
And there I will be buried
**May Yahweh punish me
And do so severely***

If anything but death separates you and me (HCSB)

Ruth 1:19 - 21

The two of them traveled until they came to Bethlehem. When they entered Bethlehem, the whole town was excited about their arrival and the local women exclaimed, "Can this be Naomi?"

*"Don't call me Naomi, call me **Mara**," she answered, for the **Almighty (Shaddai)** has made me very bitter. I went away full, but the **Lord (Yahweh/Jehovah)** has brought me back empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since the **Lord (Yahweh/Jehovah)** has pronounced judgment on me, and the **Almighty (Shaddai)** has afflicted me?" (HCSB)*

Ruth 2:12(b) “... may you receive a full reward from the Lord God of Israel, under whose **wings** you have come for refuge.” (HCSB)

Ruth 2:20(b) “The man is a close relative. He is one of our **kinsman (family) redeemers.**” (HCSB)

Ruth 3:8 – 10a

At midnight, Boaz was startled, turned over, and there lying at his feet was a woman!

So he asked, “Who are you?”

*“I am Ruth, your slave,” she replied, “**Spread your cloak over me, for you are a family redeemer.**”*

*The he said, “May the Lord bless you, my **daughter...**”*

(HCSB)

Ruth 4:13 – 16

Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When he was intimate with her, the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son.

Then **the women said to Naomi**, “Praise the Lord, who has not left you without a family redeemer today. May his name become well known in Israel.

He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. Indeed, **your daughter-in-law, who loves you and is better to you than seven sons**, has given birth to him.”

The neighbor women said, “A son has been born to Naomi, and **they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.**”

(HCSB)

***Chesed*: Faithful Covenant Love and Compassion**

Ruth's *chesed* to Naomi

Boaz's *chesed* to the Lord, Ruth and Naomi

The Lord's *chesed* to each one and to Israel

Identity

Ruth the Moabite: “compassionate friend”; faithful covenant love and integrity.

Naomi, not Mara: the enemy inserts lies into open wounds

El Shaddai – *shad* – breast - all powerful, all sufficient One of all provision and comfort, who nurtures, nourishes and satisfies me
Jehovah (Yahweh) - personal, intimate, covenant relationship – not just a disinterested party.

What's the Purpose?

Each of us has purpose – God's purpose, not ours.

The grand scheme is His, not ours.

Our role/purpose: to faithfully live out covenant love relationship with Him and with those He has so graciously placed in our lives.

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Redeemer of woundedness that produced broken identity.
Redeemer of lies the enemy has inserted into our wounded hearts.
Redeemer of loss and past experience
Redeemer of brokenness; bitterness
Redeemer of purpose
Redeemer of desolation
Redeemer who has bought back our lives from the sin that broke
our relationship between us and God

“You are My beloved and I am Your covenant keeping God of faithful love and compassion who shelters, nurtures, and sustains you, who spreads My wings of protection and provision over you, who fills all the empty spaces inside of you and deeply satisfies you.”