

A STORY OF **RUTH** REDEMPTION



The Abundant Life

Ruth 4

Main Idea

God is faithful to perpetuate his name by sending a redeemer who brings restoration of life and abundance in that life.

Overview

- **Boaz pursues the right to redeem Naomi & Ruth**
 - Instead of doing what was most convenient or most desirable and simply running of with Ruth, Boaz obeyed God's word and went looking for the nearest redeemer, though he did not know how it would turn out.
 - Boaz serves as one who trusts the Lord and continually acts on that trust.
 - The nearest redeemer, seeking to protect his own name, refuses the right to redeem Naomi & Ruth.
 - Boaz acts to redeem Naomi & Ruth "to perpetuate the name" (vv. 5, 10)
- **The elders/witness recognize Ruth into God's people and ask God to bless her**
 - Ruth is no longer a Moabite, but on par with the matriarchs of Rachel and Leah
 - The elders/witness ask God to bless the children of Ruth and Boaz; they pray Ruth would likewise, though a foreigner, perpetuate a family that would be prominent amongst God's people.
- **Obed is Born**
 - The faithful Lord sovereignly exercises his steadfast covenant love and not only provides food and a home for Ruth and Naomi, but he also provides a future family.
 - The redeemer is going to restore life and provide abundance in that life.
- **Obed Points to David who Points to Jesus**
 - Verses 17b-22 lift us from a simple, sweet story of two struggling widows and placed into a much larger picture – it become a bright tread in the grand tapestry of God's people.
 - The book of Ruth tells us about the preservation of the family line of David.
 - David is important for he is the first legitimate king of Israel with whom God makes a covenant (cf. 2 Sam. 7:12-13).
 - Ruth, who's listed in the genealogy of Jesus, connected her story to a much larger story by trusting and obeying God. She lived a restored live of abundance through the Redeemer.

Questions

1. Read 4:1-12. With every decision Boaz trust God and acts according to His word. How does this show us, even our “mundane” acts of obedience are of eternal significance? What are some “ordinary and mundane” aspects of your life that can be live in connect with God’s glory?
2. Compare and contrast the actions/motivations of Boaz and the nearest redeemer? What can we learn from both of these men?
3. What’s the significance of the prayer/blessing the elders/witness make pronounce on Ruth and Boaz?
4. Read 4:13-22. How are verses 13-17 a reversal of the first three chapters? What does this tell us about the character of God?
5. “If we could just learn to wait and trust God, all our complaints against God would prove untrue just like Naomi’s proved to be untrue.” Where have you seen this become true in your own life? What Scriptures do you cling to during times of uncertainty?
6. In verse 15 the redeemer restores and nourishes (that is, provides abundantly). How does Jesus, the greater Redeemer do these things for us? Where in our lives are we captivated with “triviality?”
7. What’s the significance of the author ending both verse 17 and 22 with “David”? How do you this encourage God’s people who read the story in the past? How does it encourage us today?

Accountability Question: Where are you protecting your name instead of perpetuating God’s name? Where are you not finding abundance in Christ?