



Devotion Info
- A Good, Good Father -

DAY 1: Read Ruth 4:1-6

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"I want to redeem it," he answered.

5 Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the field from Naomi, you will acquire[c] Ruth the Moabite, the wife of the deceased man, to perpetuate the man's name on his property."[d]

6 The redeemer replied, "I can't redeem it myself, or I will ruin my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption, because I can't redeem it."

Ruth 4:1-6 CSB

- Boaz meets with the closer relative at the town gate. What does this formal, public process teach us about Boaz's character and the importance of integrity in the community?

DAY 2: Read Ruth 4:7

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Ruth 4:7 CSB

- Verse 7 explains the ancient custom of removing a sandal to finalize a transaction. Why do you think a public, symbolic gesture like this was necessary in ancient Israelite culture? What modern equivalents do we have today?

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9 Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses today that I am buying from Naomi everything that belonged to Elimelech, Chilion, and Mahlon. 10 I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, Mahlon's widow, as my wife, to perpetuate the deceased man's name on his property, so that his name will not disappear among his relatives or from the gate of his hometown. You are witnesses today."

11 All the people who were at the city gate, including the elders, said, "We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is entering your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built the house of Israel. May you be powerful in Ephrathah and your name well known in Bethlehem. 12 May your house become like the house of Perez, the son Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring the Lord will give you by this young woman."

13 Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. He slept with her, and the Lord granted conception to her, and she gave birth to a son. 14 The women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you without a family redeemer today. May his name become well known in Israel. 15 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." 16 Naomi took the child, placed him on her lap, and became a mother to him. 17 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.

18 Now these are the family records of Perez: Perez fathered Hezron,

19 Hezron fathered Ram,[e] Ram fathered Amminadab,

20 Amminadab fathered Nahshon, Nahshon fathered Salmon,

21 Salmon fathered Boaz, Boaz fathered Obed,

22 Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David.

Ruth 4 CSB

- Throughout the Book of Ruth, God rarely speaks directly, yet His providence is woven into every event. Looking back at the whole story culminating in Chapter 4, where do you see God's "hidden hand" working most clearly in the lives of these ordinary people?

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DAY 4: Read Ruth 4:17-21

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David's Genealogy from Judah's Son

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Ruth 4 CSB

Ruth 4:17-21 NLT

- The book unexpectedly ends with a genealogy tracing Perez to David (verses 18–22). Why is this specific lineage crucial to the Old Testament's overall narrative, and how does it shift the story from a simple family drama to a nation-shaping historical event?

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Ruth 4:5-22 CSB

- The concept of the Goel (Kinsman-Redeemer) is central to this chapter. How does Boaz's redemption of Ruth and Naomi's estate serve as a foreshadowing or picture of Jesus Christ's redemption of humanity?

Application:

- In verse 14, the women of the town praise God, telling Naomi that He has not left her without a redeemer. Contrast Naomi's emotional state here with Chapter 1, where she demanded to be called "Bitter" (Mara). How has her perspective on God's providence changed? In this series, how has your perspective on God's providence changed?

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