

God's Hand in our Redemption

Ruth 4

I. Life is filled with Setbacks, Hope, and Strategic Righteousness:

A. Boaz demonstrates strong initiative and leadership.B. 3 Kinds of Men:

Elimelech -

What's His Name –

Boaz –

C. "Our Glorious Boaz" is a Redeemer

II. Prayer of Blessing:

III. God's Gracious work in bitter setbacks:

A. Marriage and SexB. The Lord gave her ConceptionC. Naomi Restored

IV. A Greater Redemption:

Genealogy (Matthew 1:1-17)

V. The Lesson of the book of Ruth: Redemption!*The life of the godly is not a straight line to glory, but they do get there.*

MEDITATION / APPLICATION

Please Note: If you are interested in getting involved in a Crossroads Community Group, please visit www.crossroadschurchaustin.com and choose Get Connected.

1. What are your main takeaways from the book of Ruth? What did you learn? Where were you challenged? What is the Holy Spirit speaking to you to as a result of studying this book? Share your action steps with your group.
2. As you read Ruth 4:13, you see another example of God's design for marriage (between one man and one woman). Why do you think there is such an attack on biblical marriage today? What are your views on marriage as prescribed in the bible? Are you teaching your children and grandchildren the biblical definition of marriage?
3. In that same section of scripture, we see a beautiful picture of sexual purity and romance. Do you believe that those who give themselves away outside of marriage forfeit a depth of pleasure that only those who wait for the Lord? How are you fighting for your sexual purity as a single or as a married couple?
4. Studying Ruth brings up the idea of mature biblical manhood and womanhood. Could you answer a little boy's question on what it means: "to grow up and be a man and not woman" or a little girl's question, "what does it mean to grow up and be a woman and not a man?" What are the consequences of confusing manhood and womanhood?
5. How do you think the book of Ruth speaks to Ethnic Diversity? Given that Ruth was not an Israelite, what implications does that have as she is mentioned in the Genealogy of Jesus found in Matthew 1:1-17?
6. What about God's Sovereignty in the book of Ruth? Is there any comfort in knowing that God is sovereign over the pain and pleasure in our lives?
7. What is implied at the end of Ruth is that all of human history is for the glory of Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:16). Given that you know how the story ends, how are you living this truth out in everyday life?

