

Redeemed

The Kinsman-Redeemer
Ruth 3
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“...I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer.” -**Ruth 3:9**

I. NOT THE BRIGHTEST OF PLANS

- Naomi puts Ruth in a situation that might have gone south quickly for both her and Boaz (Lev. 19:29; Deut. 22:22-29).
- What takes place at the threshing floor was not immoral, but it was close. It was provocative, and could have gone wrong (vs. 14; Lev. 18; Ezek. 16:37; 23:10; Isa. 7:20).
- Both Ruth and Boaz were “worthy” people. She was asking for redemption, and he was honorable enough to comply (vss. 9-13; Deut. 25:5-6).

II. A PARTIAL FILLING

- Naomi left Moab “empty.” Boaz insists Ruth must not return to her “empty-handed.” God is using Boaz to gradually take her from famine to fullness (vs. 17; Ruth 1:21).
- Naomi and Ruth have now placed themselves under the wings of the God of Israel. He is a redeemer and has given them hope for redemption (Ruth 2:12; Ex. 25:20; Psalm 17:8; 91:4).

III. THE SCANDAL OF THE INCARNATION

- The line of Jesus started with the scandal at the threshing floor. It culminated with the scandal of the Incarnation (Luke 1:26-38).
- Boaz will be “Jesus” to Naomi and Ruth. Christ was born to be “Jesus” to us, and in a future/past sense, to Boaz, Naomi, Ruth and every saint in the Old Testament (Luke 1:68-69; Rom. 3:21-26; Eph. 1:7-14; Heb. 9; 1 Pet. 2:24-25).

KNOW: Ruth finds hope and a future with the promise of Boaz. We too find hope and a future through our Kinsman-Redeemer—Jesus Christ.

DO: Seek redemption in Jesus Christ.

Suggested Reading:

Redemption Accomplished and Applied, by John Murray

Grandpa's Box: Retelling the Story of Redemption, by Starr Meade

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please read Ruth 3

1. How would Hollywood likely depict the scene at the threshing floor?
2. Talk about the nuances of this story. How do you think Boaz felt when he woke up with Ruth at his feet? What about Ruth? What do you think was going through her mind?
3. Why is integrity so important for believers in our world today (see 1 Peter 2:11-12)?
4. We spoke about the “scandal” of the Incarnation. Talk about what it must have been like for Mary and Joseph, and for Jesus, to be perceived as a child born out of sin.
5. Talk about the basis for our assurance that God will be a refuge for his people. In what ways has he demonstrated this?
6. If you have time, expand a bit on why “worthy” Boaz would consider marriage to a Moabite (see Deut. 23:3-6).