

**SERIES TITLE:** RESCUED

**PART FOUR:** WHEN GOD DOESN'T REST

**TEXT:** RUTH 4

**INTRODUCTION.**

The action of Ruth takes place during the time of Judges, more than 1,000 years before Christ. Since Ruth is a Moabitess (a nationality generally considered immoral in Israel—see Gen. 19:30-38; Numbers 25:1-3), the story shows how she became part of the royal lineage of David. An important part of the plot involves the kinsman-redeemer. To understand more about how the next of kin was obliged to help the widow and the impoverished, see Deut. 25:5-10; Lev. 25:23-28.

**DISCUSSION.**

Who is the most notorious person in your family tree?

**EXAMINATION.**

Vv.1-4 What cost is involved for the kinsman-redeemer who follows each of the laws described in Lev. 25:23-43 and Deut. 25:5-10?

How much of the widow's property goes to the kinsman-redeemer?

How much goes to her son?

vv.5-8 Why might the man be reluctant to act as kinsman-redeemer?

Are there any indications that Boaz has more than a legal interest in Ruth? If so, what are they?

vv.9-12 Why do you think the community was so accepting of this transaction and willing to bless Ruth?

vv.13-22 Why is the focus on this being Naomi's son rather than Ruth's?

Any ideas why the women would be the ones to name the baby?

Why is the final genealogy linked to Perez?

**APPLICATION.**

- What do you think of the idea that God's story is often not a straight line, but a zigzag?

- Ruth never got to see the big picture of what God was doing; if that is true for us, how can we stay encouraged?
- In what way does Christ ensure that our “winding road” leads to glory?
- Can you share any twisted situations in your past that you already know God has used for your good?
- Fact: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- React: What did you feel?
- Act: What are you going to do?