

Kinsman Redeemer

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The Old Testament story of Ruth

“Obedience in the day to day life pleases God.”

God was bringing judgement against the nation in the form of war and famine.

Questions: In what way have you noticed the pleasure of God in your everyday obedience? In what way have you experienced the “discipline” of God to bring you back to obedience?

Ruth 1:20 Naomi means “pleasant.” Mara means “bitter.”

Question: What experiences have you had in your life where you have wanted to change your name to “bitter”?

Ruth 2:1 The person of Boaz is introduced.

Ruth 2:8 Boaz stepped through so many cultural barriers by approaching Ruth. Called her his daughter. Gave her protection. Water. Food. Told the men to serve her. Ruth was a widow, orphan, foreigner – the most vulnerable of society.

Questions: Have you ever experienced someone stepping through cultural barriers to reach out to you? Have you ever stepped through cultural barriers to reach out to someone? Explain ...

Ruth 2:20 The idea of Kinsman redeemer is introduced.

“Lost” doesn’t just mean “misguided.” It also means “totally without hope of saving oneself; without a future; complete despair.”

If we don’t understand how hopeless and lost we have been, we don’t know how found we are in Jesus.

Leviticus 25:25-28

Naomi and Ruth were not in a position to redeem themselves.

Question: How would you describe how lost you have been?

Ruth 4:1-10

3 requirements for Boaz to redeem Naomi and Ruth:

1. He had to be related.

Ruth’s story is our story. We were lost. Jesus is our Boaz. Hebrews 2:14-15 Jesus is our closest relative.

2. He had to be willing.

Jesus has such a desire to surrender His life to redeem us. John 10:17-18

3. He had to have the ability to redeem.

There is only one man who had the means to redeem us in Jesus.

1 Peter 1:18-20

Question: What is one truth that is either new to you or has been highlighted to you with what Jesus has done for you?

Romans 10:9-10

