



Ruth

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Chapter 4

Looking Back:

Naomi carefully set the plan in motion. She gave detailed instructions to Ruth of how to approach Boaz at the threshing floor and Ruth was obedient to the letter! The laws and customs of Naomi's people were all very new to Ruth, but she loved and trusted Naomi enough to do ALL that she had been asked to do. Can you imagine how nervous Ruth must have been as she "secretly" went in to the place where Boaz was lying and "carefully" uncovered his feet? *What if he sees me coming in? What if he rejects me? What if...* (you fill in the blank). So many things could have gone wrong, but they didn't.

Of course, Boaz was delighted to see Ruth lying at his feet and he assured her that if he could redeem her, he definitely would. There's one possible problem, however. Some other guy is even a **closer** relative than Boaz, but not to worry.

Looking Ahead:

We are now looking at the last and final chapter of the Book of Ruth. A very important business transaction must take place at the city gate. Remember, at the close of chapter 3, Naomi assured Ruth that Boaz would not rest until he *settles the matter today*. It's pretty clear that Boaz **really** wants to redeem Naomi's land AND acquire Ruth as his bride, of course.

So...Boaz is ready to step in IF the closer relative refuses the right of redemption. It all comes down to this very moment. I can't imagine how nervous everyone is! What happens at the city gate will quickly and quite profoundly directly affect the lives of Boaz, Ruth and Naomi. When approached with the terms of the purchase, will the closer relative respond with a "yes" or with a "no"? Or...will he respond with a "yes" AND a "no"? Confused? You will see how this all turns out.

The whole Book of Ruth has been leading up to this very important fact: God is revealing, once again, those who will take part in the royal lineage...the genealogy of Jesus Christ, **our Redeemer**.

This week's Memory verse is **Philippians 1:6**. Begin memorizing the verse(s) today. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you memorize this passage and for opportunities to apply it...

**"For I am confident of this very thing,
that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus."
Philippians 1:6**

Write out **Philippians 1:6** _____

Write this verse(s) on your index cards... keep one with you & post the other in a prominent place.

DAY ONE

Pray, then read *Ruth 4:1-4*

1. According to v.1, where did Boaz go to settle the matter at hand? _____
- A. The city gate functioned as a forum for business transactions. Who did Boaz call to oversee this transaction? (v.2) _____
1. According to v.4,9 & 11, were the elders the only ones who served as “witnesses” in this case? Explain. _____
- a. Who else was honored to sit in the gate? (Proverbs 31:23)
- “It is indeed a high praise of a woman, that her husband should be known and honoured for her sake; that in the places of public resort he should be recognized as the husband of a wife, who so arranged the household duties and took so practical a part in the concerns of the family, that he was enabled to devote his time to public business.” Anne Pratt
- B. What did Boaz say when the close relative passed by? (v.1b) _____
1. There was the possibility that the close relative would fail to show. What does Psalm 138:8a say? _____
- a. How does this encourage you today? _____

2. In v.3-4, Boaz presents the details of the business transaction. What does he say about:

*the land? _____

*the closest relative’s right to redeem the land? _____

A. What did Boaz state regarding his “position” in this matter? (v.4b) _____

♥ Imagine how difficult it must have been for Boaz to “yield” to the rights of another, knowing full well that in doing so he might go away empty. Boaz trusted in the LORD by doing the right thing. Read and meditate on Psalm 37:4. Share your thoughts. _____

3. Oh no!! What did the close relative agree to do? (v.4c) _____

“So when Naomi and Elimelech had moved to Moab they had sold their parcel and according to the revisionary clause, the time was up, and now it was again coming on the block, the time to redeem it. So he said, ‘You know Naomi is getting ready to sell this parcel, she can’t redeem it. The right of redemption is yours and if you’re gonna redeem it, then redeem it. If not, there’s no one except me after you and so what do you want to do?’ The fellow says, ‘Well, I’ll redeem it.’” Pastor Chuck Smith

 Let’s practice our memory verse: “For I am _____ of this very thing, that ____ who _____ a good work in _____ will _____ it until the _____ of _____.” _____:

DAY TWO

Pray, then read *Ruth 4:5-8*

1. Boaz isn’t finished presenting this case. What **very important** detail does he now add to the mix? (v.5) _____
- A. Why do you think Boaz chose to save this information for last? _____

“Because of Boaz’s wise (perhaps shrewd) way of framing the occasion, this was the first time the nearer kinsman considered this, and it was a pretty big question to take in all at once. When it was just a matter of property, it was easy to decide on; but if he must take Ruth as a wife, that was another matter.” David Guzik

2. Now...after hearing ALL the details regarding this business transaction, what does the closest relative say and why? (v. 6) _____
- A. What "right" does the closest relative pass on to Boaz? _____
- Define: RIGHT (noun) _____
1. Read Revelation 5:1-5. This passage refers to the "Book of Redemption". (Ryrie Study Bible)
Who was given the right (or found "worthy") to open the book? _____
3. Explain the custom in Israel concerning "the redemption of land and the exchange of land to confirm any matter". (v.7) _____
- A. What words and what action confirmed the matter? (v.8) _____

"If this kinsman had been bound by the law to marry Ruth, and his refusal had been contempt of that law, Ruth must have plucked off his shoe and spit in his face (Deuteronomy 25:9). But, though his relation should in some measure oblige him to the duty, yet the distance of his relation might serve to excuse him from the penalty, or Ruth might very well dispense with it, since his refusal was all she desired from him. But the best interpreters, think this had no relation to the law, and that the drawing off of the shoe was not any disgrace as there, but a confirmation of the surrender and evidence that it was not fraudulently obtained." Matthew Henry



Time to practice Philippians 1:6 _____

DAY THREE

Pray then read **Ruth 4:9-12**

1. The elders and all the people were to be witnesses to:
- *what Boaz had **bought** (v.9) _____
- *and what Boaz had **acquired** (v.10) _____

♥ Boaz "bought" (purchased) the land, but "acquired" (to get, obtain) Ruth. Consider the parable of the hidden treasure in Matthew 13:44. **Our** Redeemer, Jesus Christ, "purchased" the field with His precious blood in order to "acquire" the precious treasure hidden there, you and me!! Take a minute to praise and thank Him.

2. As we consider the beautiful words of the witnesses, it's as if they can sense that they are witnessing the beginning of something wonderful. What did they say about "the woman" who was coming into Boaz's home? (v.11) _____
- A. What words of blessing did the witnesses speak to Boaz *in the name of the LORD*? (v.11b,12) _____
- _____
- _____
- B. What were the witnesses confident of? (v.12b) _____
1. What does Psalm 127:3 say? _____

♥ In Psalm 127:3, children are referred to as a gift and a reward. How we need to remember this during the "terrible two's" and those difficult teenage years! How long has it been since you thanked God for **your** sweet little *gift and reward*?! Stop and thank Him right now. You'll be blessed.



Without peeking, write out Philippians 1:6 speaking it out loud as you write: _____

Ask someone if you may share Philippians 1:6 with them. If you did... share with your group ☺

DAY FOUR

Pray then read *Ruth 4:13-17*

1. Verse 13 says, "So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife, and he went into her. And the LORD _____ her to conceive..."

Define: ENABLE _____

A. Did Ruth have children with Naomi's son, her first husband? _____ So, what is evident here? _____

"the LORD enabled her to conceive. Ruth had been childless during her marriage to Mahlon. That children are a gift from God needs to be reemphasized in modern times." Ryrie Study Bible

2. Record what the woman said to Naomi at the birth of her grandson. (v.14) _____

A. Who would now take on the role of "redeemer" for Naomi? _____

1. According to v.15a, what else would this child do for Naomi? _____

B. What glowing comments are said about Ruth? (v.15b) _____

3. What did Naomi do with the child? (v.16) _____

A. Using your study helps, can you discover if this had any special significance? _____

4. Who named the child? (v.17) _____

A. Who did they say this son was born to? _____

1. "So they named him _____. He is the _____ of _____,
the _____ of _____.

a. So, this means that Boaz was David's _____. Sweet!



Time to practice Philippians 1:6 _____

DAY FIVE

Pray then read *Ruth 4:18-22*

1. Whose generations are listed in this passage? (v.18) _____

A. Go back and read Genesis 38(esp. v.24-29). According to this passage...

*Who is Perez's father? _____

*Who is Perez's mother? _____

*How was Perez conceived? _____

1. What does this tell you about the heart of God? _____

♥Have you ever wondered if **your** past somehow disqualifies you to do something great for God?

Read and meditate on 1 Corinthians 1:26-27. Share how this encourages you. _____

2. Let's do a quick overview of the generations of Perez (v.18-22):

*"to Perez was born _____,

*to Hezron was born _____,

*and Ram, _____,

*and to Amminadab was born _____,

*and to Nahshon, _____,

*and to Salmon was born _____,

*and to Boaz, _____,

*and to Obed was born _____,

*and to Jesse, _____."

- A. Who was Boaz's father? _____
 1. According to Matthew 1:5, who was Boaz's mother? _____
 a. According to Joshua 2:1, what had been her occupation? _____
- B. Who was David's father? _____
 1. According to Isaiah 11:1&10, from who would the Messiah "spring from"? _____

3. Let's take a look at the genealogy given in Mathew 1:1-17. According to this passage...

*Name those listed **before** Perez? (v.2) _____

*Who was born to David? (v.6) _____

A. Who was Solomon's mother? _____

"Matthew calls attention to Bathsheba, referred to in v.6 as, 'she that had been the wife of Uriah'. To the Jews, so proud of their history and particularly of their great King David, this reminder of this affair with Bathsheba and his subsequent murder of her husband, Uriah, must have been a particularly painful one. But the inclusion of Bathsheba in this genealogy is further indication that the Holy Spirit through the pen of Matthew, desired to shake the Jews out of their pseudo-spiritual complacency to alert them of the coming Messiah." Jon Courson

B. Ultimately, in v.16, Who is the last and final piece of this genealogy? _____

C. Do the math. How many generations from Abraham to the time of Christ? (v.17) _____



Perfect segue to practice & write out your memory verse: _____

*"Behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD,
 "When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch;
 And He will reign as king and act wisely and do justice and righteousness in the land.
 "In His days Judah will be saved,
 And Israel will dwell securely;
 And this is His name by which He will be called,
 'The LORD our righteousness'."
 Jeremiah 23:5,6*

