

IV. BOAZ IS **PURE** (3:14)

“Abstain from every form of evil.” I Thessalonians 5:22

“15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not!

16 Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.”

17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

I Corinthians 6:15-20

V. BOAZ IS **GENEROUS** (3:15-18)

“The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself.” Proverbs 11:25

“6 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.”

II Corinthians 9:6-8

CONCLUSION: What did God say to you through this message? What specific next steps will you take to bring your life into obedience with this Word?

RUTH

Loss, Love And Legacy
Boaz – A Righteous Man
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INTRODUCTION

A. There are only two books of the Bible named after women, Esther and Ruth. Ruth is a short, four chapter narrative that wraps together the human experience of loss, love and legacy with the divine hope and sovereignty of a redeeming God.

It takes place during the book of Judges when Israel was in a dark place far from God (Judges 17:6; 21:25). Ruth provides a sparkle of light when the provision of the kinsman-redeemer is introduced (Christ is our Kinsman-Redeemer).

Ruth has been called “the Cinderella of the Bible” because it is the story of a Moabite woman who forsakes her pagan heritage in order to cling to the God and people of Israel. God rewards her by giving her a new husband (Boaz), a son (Obed), and an honored position in the lineage of David (she is his great-grandmother) and most of all Christ.

B. In this series, you will discover...

May 13	Rebuilding Your Life After A Loss
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C. TEXT: Ruth 3:1-19 (Pew Bible/Pg. 261/Old Testament)

BOAZ – A RIGHTEOUS MAN

- Naomi's **counsel** (3:1-4).
- Ruth's **proposal** (3:5-9).
- Boaz's **response** (3:10-18).

I. BOAZ IS **RESPECTFUL** (3:10)

"Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;" Romans 12:10

Boaz has an upper hand on Ruth in every aspect, but chose to honor her and not exploit her or prey on her. He did not take advantage of his:

- **Finances** (2:1a)
- **Nationality** (2:1b)
- **Maturity** (2:8; 3:10)
- Or The **Dark**!! (3:9)

"Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 7:12

II. BOAZ IS **OBEDIENT** (3:11)

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." James 1:22

"3 Then he said to the close relative, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, sold the piece of land which belonged to our brother Elimelech.

*4 And I thought to inform you, saying, 'Buy it back in the presence of the inhabitants and the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know; for there is no one but you to redeem it, and I am next after you.' "*And he said, "I will redeem it."

5 Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must also buy it from Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to perpetuate the name of the dead through his inheritance." Ruth 4:3-5

There were two issues of obedience for Boaz to fulfill:

- Fulfill the redemption of **property** (4:3-4).

"If one of your brethren becomes poor, and has sold some of his possession, and if his redeeming relative comes to redeem it, then he may redeem what his brother sold" Leviticus 25:25

- Fulfill the Levirate **marriage** (4:5).

"5 "If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the widow of the dead man shall not be married to a stranger outside the family; her husband's brother shall go in to her, take her as his wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her.

6 And it shall be that the firstborn son which she bears will succeed to the name of his dead brother, that his name may not be blotted out of Israel."

Deuteronomy 25:5-6

III. BOAZ IS **HONEST** (3:12-13)

Boaz had superior knowledge about their family and could have withheld this important information from Ruth. He was aware of a nearer kinsman and he revealed this fact to Ruth.

"I Vindicate me, O LORD, For I have walked in my integrity. I have also trusted in the LORD; I shall not slip.

2 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; Try my mind and my heart." Psalm 26:1-2

"Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, But those who deal truthfully are His delight." Proverbs 12:22

"providing honorable things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men." II Corinthians 8:21