

RUTH PART IV
“RESTORING LOST HOPE”
RUTH CHAPTER 3
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INTRODUCTION

- We have all messed up our lives in one way or the other.
- This family lost everything. It cost his family their future... his inheritance.
- Jubilee was all about this...restoring inheritance/
redeeming what's lost...land, wealth - Leviticus 25:8-10

I. A REDEEMER

- Chapter 2:20 - Naomi describes Boaz –“close relative” really kinsman redeemer.
- Deuteronomy 25:5-10 - Family law: a relative had a responsibility to cover his family and maintain his name.
- If they had fallen on hard times to goel them or redeem them - thus the term kinsman/redeemer.
- Here in chapter 3 a picture begins to take shape. A picture of a kinsman redeemer...go-el Hebrew.
- A picture of Jesus!
- Ruth 3:1-5, “One day Naomi...said to her, “... ²Is not Boaz...a kinsman of ours? Tonight he will be winnowing barley on the threshing floor. ³Wash and perfume yourself, and put on your best clothes. Then go down to the threshing floor...until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴When he lies down...go and uncover his feet and lie down. He will tell you what to do.” “I will do whatever you say,” Ruth answered...”

II. A PROVISION FOR RESTORATION

- This was God’s way of providing for a widow with no means; to restore what she had lost.

- Family name and heritage.
- This was not a sexual deal, nor was it a sensual one. It was a deal of honor.
- To pay a price for one who couldn’t pay it themselves.
- Talk about a risky plan, full of the possibility of rejection.
- Why go at night? It protected both of them from embarrassment. Ruth obviously trusted Boaz.

III. FINDING A REFUGE IN THE STORM

- The widow and orphan are the special ones to God, the vulnerable ones, the needy ones.
- Vss. 6-9 - She laid at his feet as a sign of humility.
- “Who are you?”
- “I am Ruth your servant” and then a supernatural boldness - “spread your covering over me.”
- That wasn’t a question, it was a statement...a bold one...a Biblical one.
- She said, become my kinsman redeemer – Leviticus 25, Deuteronomy 25
- Vs. 12 - There is someone closer than me. Boaz has integrity and is not going to take advantage of her.
- It is not the will of God that anybody lives their life out as a loser, without hope. They could be redeemed.

CLOSE

- Ruth 3:5, “All you say I will do.”
- She came into his land seeking refuge, and into his fields seeking supply, finally she fell at his feet seeking redemption and relationship.
- Vs. 17 - God uses Boaz to heal Naomi.
- Ephesians 1:7 NASB, “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.”
- Redeemer = to act as a kinsman, buy back