

**RUTH PART VI**  
**“BOUND TO DESTINY”**  
**RUTH CHAPTER IV**  
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**INTRODUCTION**

- The book of Ruth is about a lady with no quit in her...a lady with large faith.
- This family lost everything because of the pressure of a famine and the poor decision to leave.
- But God didn't abandon them.
- Ruth 1:16-17, “Do not urge me to leave you *or* turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people *shall be* my people, and your God, my God. <sup>17</sup>“Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried...”

**I. A LIFE BOUND TO THE HEART OF GOD**

- Naomi and Ruth left Moab empty and wounded.
- Vss. 1:13, 19-22 - Broken and one was bitter.
- Vss. 4:13-17 But they ended up full and healed.
- Ruth was slowly binding herself to God.
- One choice at a time.
- A choice that began a journey that begat a child which placed her into the lineage of David and Jesus.
- She made so many small choices that when Naomi told her to go back that was impossible.
- She was growing to know a God who is her Redeemer, her Savior, her hope.
- He is trying to do that with many of you today...
- To set His kingdom in you through redemption, resurrection, restoration, and rulership.

**II. THE FRUIT OF A HEART BOUND TO GOD**

- These five words describe Ruth's life...a heart bound to God...all in!
- She got her life back, Boaz bought her and gave her new life.
- The cost was real and it was high.
- To be a kinsman redeemer it takes two things, the means and the desire...Jesus had them both.
- But it was the Lord's rulership over Ruth that allowed all this to happen. She bound her heart to Him.
- Where His kingdom comes chaos flees.
- Vs. 13 - “The Lord enabled her to conceive.”
- Vss. 16-17 - Naomi became Obed's nurse and her life ended fruitful and full.

**III. THE BLESSINGS OF BINDING**

- Vs. 14 - “He has not left you without a redeemer today”!
- The baby, the blessing, the picture of restoration and redemption is named Obed.
- Which means serve God as worship.
- The prophetic blessing spoken over Boaz and Ruth at the city gates holds the key to this blessing.
- Vss. 11-12 - “May the Lord make Ruth like...Rachel and Leah...the mothers of the tribes of Israel...”
- He did, she became the great grandmother of King David and part of the lineage of Jesus.
- May your house be like the house of Perez, who was the #2 baby but became the #1 son. His name literally means breakthrough.

**CLOSE**

- How could that happen?
- Starts with choices, small choices.