

WOMEN OF FAITH, PRACTICING INTEGRITY, AND LIVING IN CHRIST

Old Testament Unit - Women of Faith - *The Kinsman-Redeemer* - September 17, 2017

Text: Ruth 3, 4:1-17

Intro: Briefly describe the events in Ruth 3 and state how they set up the events in Ruth 4.

I. Ruth 4:1-12 Boaz Redeems Ruth

1. What role did the "city gate" play in the town besides protection?

2. What is the significance of Boaz calling 10 of the elders to witness the transaction? (See Deut. 19:15)

3. What were the conditions of the redeeming of the property? What was Boaz's position for redeeming in vs. 4? Why did the 1st kinsmen redeemer refuse? How did the "Year of Jubilee" affect property transactions? (Also note; Num. 27:8-11, Lev. 25:23-28, Jer. 32:6-12 for information on property transactions)

4. How did Boaz confirm the transaction?

5. What do you make of the response of those in vs. 11-12?

6. Some commentators say that Boaz's actions are a "preview" of Christ? What similarities in this story would you think make them draw that conclusion?

7. Do some research and tell us about "redemption".

II. Ruth 4:13-22 God's Redemption Leads to Joy and Worship

1. What was the reason for Ruth's conception?

Ruth has gone from a _____ (2:10), to a self-proclaimed _____ (2:13, 3:9), to a _____ (4:13a), and a _____ (4:13b)!

2. (4:14-15) What did the women remind Naomi of? What is the contrast of Naomi's spirit from 1:20-21?

3. What does the name "Obed" mean? What is significant about Obed's genealogy?

4. Looking at Jesus' genealogy (Matt.1:1-6), we see some women listed in Jesus' birth line. What issues do these women have that most would deem unworthy to be in the Messiah's genealogy?

Tamar

Rahab

Ruth

Uriah's wife (Bathsheba)

5. What character traits do you admire most in Ruth? In Boaz?