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Ruth



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THE INVISIBLE HAND OF GOD

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In those days there was no king in Israel.
Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

Judges 21:25



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Ruth 1:1



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But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died,
and she was left with her two sons.

Ruth 1:3



These took Moabite wives;
the name of the one was Orpah
and the name of the other Ruth.
They lived there about ten years,

Ruth 1:4



and both Mahlon and Chilion died,
so that the woman was left
without her two sons and her husband.

Ruth 1:5



#1 THE RETURN

(Moab to Bethlehem)



#1 THE RETURN

Then she arose with her daughters-in-law
to return from the country of Moab,
for she had heard in the fields of Moab
that the Lord had visited his people and given them food.

Ruth 1:6



#1 THE RETURN

But Naomi said,
“Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me?
Have I yet sons in my womb
that they may become your husbands?”

Ruth 1:11



#1 THE RETURN

And she said,
“See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people
and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.”

Ruth 1:15



#1 THE RETURN

But Ruth said,

“Do not urge me to leave you or to return 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.”

Ruth 1:16



#1 THE RETURN

So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

And when they came to Bethlehem,
the whole town was stirred because of them.

And the women said, "Is this Naomi?"

Ruth 1:19



#1 THE RETURN

She said to them,
“Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara,
for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.

Ruth 1:20



#1 THE RETURN

So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab.

And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

Ruth 1:22



#1 THE RETURN

(Moab to Bethlehem)



#2 THE REFUGE

(The Field of Boaz)



#2 THE REFUGE

Now Naomi had a **relative of her husband's**,
a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech,
whose name was **Boaz**.

Ruth 2:1



#2 THE REFUGE

And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi,
“Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain
after him in whose sight I shall find favor.”
And she said to her, “Go, my daughter.”

Ruth 2:2



#2 THE REFUGE

“And when you reap the harvest of your land,
you shall not reap your field right up to its edge,
nor shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest.
You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner:
I am the Lord your God.”

Leviticus 23:22



#2 THE REFUGE

So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech.

Ruth 2:3



#2 THE REFUGE

Then Boaz said to his young man
who was in charge of the reapers,
“Whose young woman is this?”

Ruth 2:5



#2 THE REFUGE

She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.'

So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest."

Ruth 2:7



#2 THE REFUGE

Let your eyes be on the field that they are reaping,
and go after them.

Have I not charged the young men not to touch you?
And when you are thirsty,
go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn.”

Ruth 2:9



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#2 THE REFUGE

Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him,
“Why have I found favor in your eyes,
that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?”

Ruth 2:10



#2 THE REFUGE

But Boaz answered her,

“All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before.

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When she rose to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, saying,
“Let her glean even among the sheaves,
and do not reproach her.

Ruth 2:15



#2 THE REFUGE

And also pull out some from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean, and do not rebuke her.”

Ruth 2:16



#2 THE REFUGE

So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, **“The man’s name with whom I worked today is Boaz.”**

Ruth 2:19b



#2 THE REFUGE

Naomi also said to her,
“The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers.”

Ruth 2:20b



#2 THE REFUGE

which required a brother of a deceased man
to marry his widow and raise up a son to his name

(Deuteronomy 25:5-10)



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Ruth 2:20b



#3 THE REQUEST



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Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her,
“My daughter, should I not seek rest for you,
that it may be well with you?”

Ruth 3:1



#3 THE REQUEST

Is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you were?
See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor.

Ruth 3:2



#3 THE REQUEST

Wash therefore and anoint yourself, and put on your cloak and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

Ruth 3:3



#3 THE REQUEST

But when he lies down, observe the place where he lies.
Then go and uncover his feet and lie down,
and he will tell you what to do.”

Ruth 3:3



#3 THE REQUEST

At midnight the man was startled and turned over,
and behold, a woman lay at his feet!

Ruth 3:8



#3 THE REQUEST

He said, "Who are you?"
And she answered, "I am Ruth, your servant."

Ruth 3:9



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#3 THE REQUEST

And now, my daughter, do not fear.

I will do for you all that you ask,

for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman.

Ruth 3:11



#3 THE REQUEST

And now it is true that I am a redeemer.
Yet there is a redeemer nearer than I.

Ruth 3:12



#3 THE REQUEST

Remain tonight, and in the morning,
if he will redeem you, good; let him do it.
But if he is not willing to redeem you, then,
as the Lord lives, I will redeem you.
Lie down until the morning.”

Ruth 3:13



#4 THE REDEMPTION

(The City Gate)



#4 THE REDEMPTION

Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the redeemer, of whom Boaz had spoken, came by. So Boaz said, "Turn aside, friend; sit down here." And he turned aside and sat down.

Ruth 4:1



#4 THE REDEMPTION

And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said,
“Sit down here.” So they sat down.

Ruth 4:2



#4 THE REDEMPTION

Then he said to the redeemer,
“Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling
the parcel of land that belonged to our relative Elimelech.

Ruth 4:3



#4 THE REDEMPTION

So I thought I would tell you of it and say,
'Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence
of the elders of my people.' If you will redeem it, redeem it.
But if you will not, tell me, that I may know, for there is no one
besides you to redeem it, and I come after you."

And he said, "I will redeem it."

Ruth 4:4



#4 THE REDEMPTION

Then Boaz said,
“The day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi,
you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead,
in order to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance.”

Ruth 4:5



#4 THE REDEMPTION

Then the redeemer said,

“I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance.

Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it.”

Ruth 4:6



#4 THE REDEMPTION

Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people,
“You are witnesses this day that I have bought
from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech
and all that belonged to Chilion and to Mahlon.

Ruth 4:9



#4 THE REDEMPTION

Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon,
I have bought to be my wife,
to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance,
that the name of the dead may not be cut off
from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place.
You are witnesses this day.”

Ruth 4:10



#4 THE REDEMPTION

So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife.
And he went in to her, and the Lord gave her conception,
and she bore a son.

Ruth 4:13



#4 THE REDEMPTION

And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying,
“A son has been born to Naomi.”
They named him Obed.

Ruth 4:17



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He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Ruth 4:17





BIG IDEA:

God's providence is always at work—
guiding, providing and redeeming
for His glory and for our good

Opens with a **FAMINE** and closes with **FAMILY**



Opens with a FAMINE and closes with FAMILY
Opens with a LOSS and closes with a LEGACY



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KING JESUS!!!



and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab,
and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth,
and Obed the father of Jesse,
and Jesse the father of David the king...

Matthew 1:5



... and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary,
of whom Jesus was born,
who is called Christ.

Matthew 1:16







1) RECOGNIZE

**Train your hearts to recognize God's hand
in your everyday circumstances.**



**We don't thank
because we don't think**





Ruin →



Ruin →
Relationships →



Ruin →
Relationships →
Resolve →



Ruin →
Relationships →
Resolve →
Return →



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Reaping →



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REDEEMER of ALL, JESUS CHRIST



A photograph of John Piper, an older man with glasses, wearing a dark shirt, standing at a podium and speaking. He is gesturing with his hands. The background is dark with a blue and red gradient.

God is always doing
10,000 things in your
life, and you may be
aware of three of them.

John Piper

TOC THE GOSPEL
COALITION



1) RECOGNIZE




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2) REST

**“Ruth, a foreigner and outsider,
found grace in Boaz’s field.
We, too, find grace when we come to Christ,
the true Redeemer.”**

Sinclair Ferguson





In him we have *redemption*
through his blood, the *forgiveness*
of sins, in *accordance* with the
riches of God's *grace*.

EPHESIANS 1:7



1) RECOGNIZE
2) REST

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- 1) RECOGNIZE
 - 2) REST
 - 3) RESPONSE

... waiting for our

 **BLESSED HOPE,** 

the appearing of the glory of
our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,
who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness
and to purify for himself a people for his own possession
who are zealous for good works.

Titus 2:13-14

**“Can you trust God’s providence
even when you don’t see it?”**





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