

Twelve Extraordinary Women

Session 4

Ruth – A Picture of Redemption

1. Ruth's Ruin – Ruth 1:1-5

What happened to Elimelech? (*he died in Moab*)

What happened to his two sons? (*they married & died*)

2. Ruth's Resolve – Ruth 1:6-22

v. 6-7 – What did Naomi decide to do? (*go back home*)

v. 8-13 – What did she urge her daughters-in-law to do?
(*return to their families*)

Why do you think Ruth stayed with Naomi? _____

v. 16-17 – Describe the commitments she made: (to go wherever Naomi went, live where she lived, her people will be Ruth's people, her God will be Ruth's God, stay forever)

What did she leave behind? (*her family, homeland, & gods*)

3. Ruth's Redemption – Ruth 2:1 – 4:12

2:1-3 – Describe Ruth's work ethic: (*willing to work hard*)

2:4 – What does this tell you about Boaz? (*man of God*)

2:8-9 – What did Boaz do for Ruth? (*gave her a place, provision, and protection*)

2:10 – How did she respond? (*overwhelmed by grace*)

2:11 – What did Boaz know? (*all she had done for Naomi, she left family & home to unite with Israel*)

2:12 – How did he describe her trust in God? (*like a helpless chick coming under His "wing" for protection*)

2:19-23 – How did Naomi respond to Boaz's goodness? (*she praised God for bringing Ruth to a near kinsman*)

3:9 – What did Ruth ask Boaz? (*be my redeemer*)

3:10 – How did Boaz react? (*overwhelmed*)

3:11 – What did everyone know about Ruth? (*she was a virtuous woman*)

4:9-10 – What did Boaz do? (*redeemed Elimelech's property and Ruth*)

4. Ruth's New Residence – Ruth 4:13-22

v. 13 – What happened? (*Boaz married Ruth, the Lord gave them a son*)

v. 22 – Who was Ruth's grandson? (*King David*)

- Ruth turned away from her former gods. What "gods" of your past do you need to turn away from? _____
 - Naomi was the only example of faith Ruth had. In what ways does your life point people to Jesus? _____
 - Boaz paid a price to redeem Ruth. How do you think this changed her view of her value? _____
 - What price has been paid to redeem you? _____
 - How does this realization impact your view of your value? _____
- _____
- When Boaz redeemed Ruth, the contract was irrevocable. How does this compare to your relationship with God? _____
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- Because Boaz redeemed her, Ruth had a new home and family. How does this compare to your redemption? _____
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