

Rest For The Weary

Seeing & Trusting God's Hidden Hand

— True & Better Boaz —

Ruth 4:18-22

BIG IDEA || Jesus is our true & better Boaz who redeems helpless outsiders at full cost to himself.

What's the problem for them? It's a law problem.

Without love, the law wasn't **enough** to save her.

Ruth 4:6 (NLT) *"Then I **can't** redeem it," the family redeemer replied, "because this **might endanger my own estate**. You redeem the land; I **cannot** do it."*

Ruth 4:9-10 (NLT)

*9 Then Boaz said to the elders and to the crowd standing around, "You are witnesses that today I have **bought** from Naomi **all the property** of Elimelech, Kilion, and Mahlon. 10 And with the land I **have acquired Ruth**, the Moabite widow of Mahlon, to be my **wife**. This way she can **have a son to carry on** the family name of her dead husband and to **inherit** the family **property** here in his hometown. You are all witnesses today."*

How & why did Boaz redeem Ruth? (Method)

- Her redeemer selflessly paid the full **price**.

- Her redeemer is driven by self-sacrificing **love**.

John 10:11–15 (NLT)

11 “I am the **good** shepherd. The good shepherd **sacrifices** his life for the sheep. 12 A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will **abandon** the sheep because they **don’t belong** to him and he **isn’t** their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. 13 The hired hand **runs away** because he’s working **only for the money** and **doesn’t really care** about the sheep.

14 “I am the **good** shepherd; I **know** my own sheep, and they know me, 15 just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I **sacrifice my life** for the sheep.

- Our redeemer willingly pays the **full** price because of his **compelling** love.

John 3:16 (NLT) 16 “For this is how God **loved** the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

- **Deuteronomy 4:37 (NLT)** Because he **loved** your ancestors, he chose to bless their descendants, and he personally brought you out of Egypt with a great display of power.
- **Hosea 11:1 (NLT)** When Israel was a child, I **loved** him, and I called my son out of Egypt.
- **Romans 5:8 (NLT)** But God showed his great **love** for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.
- **Ephesians 5:25 (NLT)** ...this means love your wives, just as Christ **loved** the church. He gave up his life for her...
- **Revelation 1:5 (NLT)** ...All glory to him who **loves** us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us.

So what next?

- ☐ Do the things that grow your **appreciation & affection** for the **love** of your Redeemer.
 - a. Respond.
 - b. Refocus.
 - c. Reflect.

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

— Paused for the Summer —