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Kinsman Redeemer

“A kinsman redeemer, spoken of in Leviticus 25 and Deuteronomy 25, was a close male relative who “had the privilege or responsibility to act on behalf of a relative who was in trouble, danger, or need. Such an individual was responsible to:

- Marry the childless widow of a dead brother (Deut 25:5-10)
- Buy back family land that’d been sold due to difficult economic realities (Lev 25:25)
- Buy back a family member sold into slavery (Lev 25:47-49)
- Look after needy and/or helpless family members (Lev 25:25).”



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Ruth 3:1-4

One day Ruth's mother-in-law Naomi said to her, "My daughter, I must find a home for you, where you will be well provided for. Now Boaz, with whose women you have worked, is a relative of ours. Tonight he will be winnowing barley on the threshing floor.

Wash, put on perfume, and get dressed in your best clothes. Then go down to the threshing floor, but don't let him know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, note the place where he is lying. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down. He will tell you what to do."



Ruth 3:5-8

“I will do whatever you say,” Ruth answered. So she went down to the threshing floor and did everything her mother-in-law told her to do.

When Boaz had finished eating and drinking and was in good spirits, he went over to lie down at the far end of the grain pile. Ruth approached quietly, uncovered his feet and lay down. In the middle of the night something startled the man; he turned—and there was a woman lying at his feet!



Ruth 3:9

“Who are you?” he asked.

“I am your servant Ruth,” she said. “Spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a guardian-redeemer of our family.”



Ruth 3:10-11

“The Lord bless you, my daughter,” he replied. “This kindness is greater than that which you showed earlier: You have not run after the younger men, whether rich or poor. And now, my daughter, don’t be afraid. I will do for you all you ask. All the people of my town know that you are a woman of noble character.”



Ruth 3:12-13

Although it is true that I am a guardian-redeemer of our family, there is another who is more closely related than I. Stay here for the night, and in the morning if he wants to do his duty as your guardian-redeemer, good; let him redeem you. But if he is not willing, as surely as the Lord lives I will do it. Lie here until morning.”



Ruth 3:14-15

So she lay at his feet until morning, but got up before anyone could be recognized; and he said, “No one must know that a woman came to the threshing floor.”

He also said, “Bring me the shawl you are wearing and hold it out.” When she did so, he poured into it six measures of barley and placed the bundle on her. Then he went back to town.



A silhouette of a woman in a long, flowing dress stands in the center of a field, looking towards the horizon. The background is a warm, golden sunset sky, and the foreground is a dark, silhouetted field of tall grass.

Ruth 4:13

“So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When he made love to her, the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son.”





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Ruth 2:12

“May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.”



“She had come under Yahweh’s wings. Now Ruth uses that same word, ‘Spread your wing over me,’ as if to say, perhaps, ‘Boaz, why don’t you answer in part your own prayer? You commended me to the care of Yahweh’s wings—why don’t you take me under your wing and give me a sample of that protectiveness?’

- Dale Ralph Davis





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Ruth 3:16-17

When Ruth came to her mother-in-law, Naomi asked, “How did it go, my daughter?”

Then she told her everything Boaz had done for her and added, “He gave me these six measures of barley, saying, ‘Don’t go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.’”

Ruth 1:21

“I went away full, but the Lord has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi? The Lord has afflicted me; the Almighty has brought misfortune upon me.”



“If Ruth’s first day of gleaning is the beginning of the resolution of Naomi’s emptiness, the gift and word from Boaz are one more step toward its complete resolution—and one more way that God demonstrates his hesed (unfailing love) to the widows.”

- K. Lawson Younger Jr.





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“God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship... So you are no longer a slave, but **God’s child**; and since you are his child, God has made you also an **heir**. (Gal. 4:4-5, 7)



SERMON RESOURCES

