

Ruth 2:1(NLT) - "Now there was a wealthy and influential man in Bethlehem named Boaz..."

The formation of true Kingdom influence is primarily fueled by three inner factors:

- 1) Character
- 2) Calling
- 3) Christlikeness

Bonus teaching: God is really, really good at closing loops.

Ruth 1:1 (NLT) - In the days when the judges ruled in Israel, a severe famine came upon the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah left his home and went to live in the country of Moab, taking his wife and two sons with him.

Ruth 4:13-14,16,17 (NLT) - So Boaz took Ruth into his home, and she became his wife. When he slept with her, the Lord enabled her to become pregnant, and she gave birth to a son. ¹⁴ Then the women of the town said to Naomi, "Praise the Lord, who has now provided a redeemer for your family! May this child be famous in Israel."¹⁶ Naomi took the baby and cuddled him to her breast. And she cared for him as if he were her own. ¹⁷ The neighbor women said, "Now at last Naomi has a son again!" And they named him Obed. He became the father of Jesse and the grandfather of David.

Study Guide

1. Let's start with this exercise: Read through the entire book of Ruth (it's only four chapters). Summarize the story and it's flow and characters.
2. This new series is all about 'influence'; where do you see influence at work in the life of Boaz? How did that influence impact other's lives?
3. Using the template found in Sunday's message take some time to assess your own pathway to growing in influence for the kingdom.
 - Character
 - Calling
 - Christlikeness