

is just one problem is that there is a closer relative who can be the kinsman-redeemer for Ruth. Boaz tells Ruth he will talk with the guy and if he doesn't want to be her kinsman-redeemer then he will marry her.

The term kinsman-redeemer is a term we see a lot in chapter 2. The best explanation we can give is: if a woman finds herself in a situation like Ruth's-widowed and without kids-the closest male relative of the late husband was supposed to take the widow as his wife in order to make sure she was cared for.

In chapter 4 we find out that the close relative was happy to acquire the land that belonged to Elimelek, Naomi's late husband, but he wasn't willing to marry Ruth because it could have negatively impacted his own children's inheritance. Because of this, Boaz becomes Ruth's kinsman-redeemer and marries her. At the end of the chapter we see that Ruth ended up being an ancestor of King David and eventually Jesus!

In this story we see the themes of redemption and faith. Boaz rescued Ruth (and Naomi). When we look at this redemption and rescue, we can see echoes of the Gospel through this rescue that happens with Ruth and Boaz.

Next we looked at **Revelation 5:9-10**. We see that in these verses, John is given a glimpse into heaven and sees that Jesus is the only one that can open up the scroll and is recognized as the rightful King of heaven. His ability to open the scroll is attained through His sacrifice for us on the cross; this is what solidifies His Kingship.

This points back to the story of Ruth and Boaz buying back Elimelek's land and in turn saving them out of poverty and from a hopeless situation. We see that Jesus is the only one who could redeem us from the bondage and penalty of sin. He was slain and bought our freedom with His own blood.

We concluded by seeing that Boaz gave Ruth a new life and in the same way, Jesus gave us new life when He redeemed us by dying on the cross. We discussed that when we come to faith in Christ, we are saved from the death our sin earns us.

The challenge was issued to respond to God's rescue of us by being aware of the life we live. The challenge was to think about our most precious gifts and thank God every time we enjoy them and the freedom that has been given to us. It is all about how we respond to God's rescue of us.

Join us next time as we continue our series on seeing the Thread of the Gospel throughout the bible as we talk about wanting things that are not in our best interests.

Community Service

Our monthly community service at Child Protective Services will be **NEXT** Saturday (January 16th) We meet at LWA at 9:30am and return after lunch.



Please call 602-684-1820 or email us with any questions.

Bible verses referenced in this lesson: Ruth 1:1-18; 2:1-13; 3:1-14; Ruth 4, Revelation 5:9-10

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

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