# Sermon – Ruth Chapter 4 – The Best is Yet to Come, Part 1

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**Ruth Chapter 4**

***Then went Boaz up to the gate, and sat him down there: and, behold, the kinsman of whom Boaz spake came by; unto whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down. 2And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit ye down here. And they sat down. 3And he said unto the kinsman, Naomi, that is come again out of the country of Moab, selleth a parcel of land, which was our brother Elimelech's: 4And I thought to advertise thee, saying, Buy it before the inhabitants, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem it, redeem it: but if thou wilt not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know: for there is none to redeem it beside thee; and I am after thee. And he said, I will redeem it.***

What is happening?

Boaz is fulfilling the Law in removing an obstacle for Naomi and Ruth. Refer to Lev 25:25-26. This allowed property previously sold or lost to be redeemed and released back to the person; what was sold or given up was returned. The kinsman redeemer or Goel didn’t have to wait for the year of Jubilee. They could redeem it for you any time before that. The redeemer could buy back the land. This was a great option for poor people if they could find a redeemer.

Notice what Boaz does.

* He goes to the gate, a place where during that time, judgement and decisions were determined. Like a courtroom.
* He operates with authority; when he speaks, others listen and comply.
* He presents a case on behalf of Naomi. He is defending and fighting for her.
* How does Naomi even have a case?
	+ Left Moab.
	+ She has come back again to the Promised Land.
	+ Sold and lost what she had before.
	+ Eligible for someone to get back for her what was lost.
	+ She has a very strong case legally.
* Note though, if no redeemer is available, you don’t have a good case either legally or spiritually. You can’t work your way into winning, you must have a redeemer. Praise God we do!

Notice Ruth is not mentioned. Naomi’s case comes up first because she is before or in front of Ruth. Why? Because Naomi is Jewish and God works through first. Salvation Christ said is of the Jews.

Verse 3 – Boaz tells the other relative that Naomi had some land which belonged to their relative Elimelech.

Verse 4 – Boaz invites this kin to take on the role of redeemer and asks him if he will redeem it. If not, then Boaz will perform it.

* Boaz can’t redeem it because this kinsman came before him and is in front of him. He has to check with him first.
* Boaz has to overcome an obstacle before he can purchase it and redeem her. Someone is before or in front of him, so he has to deal with this first.
* This first kinsman says he will redeem it. This means he is willing to pay the price and purchase it. But there is a catch.

Why is this happening?

* Because it outlines the plan of God for the earth. What He desires and will do.
* Outlines the plan of God for Naomi and later Ruth.
* Is a story that reveals the process for salvation and redemption.
* Because it is a sort of parable that provides a spiritual revelation.
* Because it can be your story.

Application for Today:

* Christ serves in the role as our kinsman redeemer who assumed our nature so that He might be our kinsman….He is the only one willing and able to redeem us and restore to us what was lost through sin.
* Our hope can be restored through the work of our redeemer. Proverbs 23:11 – ***For their redeemer is mighty; he shall plead their cause with thee.***
* He is taking care of what came before him….the Law! The Law came before Christ came in the flesh as our near kinsman. Everything he is doing for Naomi and Ruth, He is doing for you and I.
* Follow the steps.

***5Then said Boaz, What day thou buyest the field of the hand of Naomi, thou must buy it also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance. 6And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem it. 7Now this was the manner in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbour: and this was a testimony in Israel. 8Therefore the kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy it for thee. So he drew off his shoe.***

Verse 5 – Boaz then adds that in order to redeem it, he would also have to fulfill the other portion of the law a reference to Deut 25: 5-10, which was a law in Israel to provide for the dead brother so that his name could continue. That means marrying Ruth and raising seed to continue the inheritance.

Verse 6 – The nearer Kinsman backs out of the deal and now doesn’t want to redeem the land or Ruth. The reason, he says it will mess up his own inheritance. While he is protecting his interests on earth, he has missed out on a better and divine inheritance that we will see later in the chapter. Don’t be that guy. There are several opinions out there:

* The redeemed property would never really be his as if Ruth has a child, they would inherit the land.
* His estate would be divided between his now blended family.
* It reduces the value of his own inheritance.

Verse 7 – 8 – He tells Boaz that he will get out of the way and that Boaz can buy or redeem it. He takes off his shoe to confirm his decision. This is outlined in Deut 25:7-10. The Law is being fulfilled.

Observations:

* How did Ruth get included in the deal? Answer – she followed the same steps as Naomi.
* Could Orpha have been included? Answer – yes, but she missed out because she returned to Moab.
* What are Ruth and Naomi doing while all this is going on? Answer – waiting on the redeemer to come through for them.

Application for today:

* We have a redeemer who is willing and able to deliver.
* Restoration is part of the plan of God for the earth and for us.
* Jews and Gentiles are included. We all get a share of the inheritance.
* Christ will work things out for our good.
* The Law didn’t save Ruth, but it made a way for Boaz to use to redeem her. Her faith produced grace and mercy and the follow-up is her redemption.
* Follow the steps (cross, grave, new hope/life, power of the Holy Spirit, mercy to others, waiting of Christ to deliver us to victory, rest in His peace).
	+ We must do our part and move by faith.
	+ Let Him do His part and wait by faith. He doesn’t need our help at this point….He has got this under control.

Gal 3:13 -- Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law…

Gal 4:5 -- But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians%204&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29136a)] of a woman, born under the law, **5**to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Eph 1:7 -- In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

1 John 2:1 -- My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Heb 9:12 -- Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

# Sermon – Ruth Chapter 4 – The Best is Yet to Come, Part 2 (Can I Get a Witness)

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***9And Boaz said unto the elders, and unto all the people, Ye are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi.***

***10Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye are witnesses this day.***

Verse 9 – Boaz speaks to the witnesses and redeems what was Elimelech’s.

Verse 10 – Boaz redeems Ruth as well. He will raise up the name of the dead and keep Elimelech’s name from being cut off.

Let’s take a look at this. Boaz in his role as the kinsman redeemer openly and willingly has purchased what Naomi and her husband Elimelech have lost.

* What they lost, he has bought back and now it is in his hand. Not a few things, but all that they have lost has been redeemed and purchased by Boaz and is in his hands.
* Watch this, everything that Naomi lost is now in the hands of Boaz her redeemer.
* If Naomi had never lost, Ruth would never had gained.

Application for today. Boaz is a type of Christ. This story is not just about Boaz and Naomi. Christ is our Boaz. He does the same thing for us when we come correct.

* Jesus has purchased with His blood all that we have lost. If we want to find it, we now go to Him. If you lost your peace, He purchased that back for you. What you lost, he can restore.

Moreover, Boaz next tells the elders that he has purchased Ruth the Moabitess for his wife. The purpose of this was to keep the name of the dead from not being cut off. He plans to raise up children so that the dead name would live. This is fulfilling the law in Deut 25:7-10.

Application for today. Boaz once again is a type of Christ. This story is not just about Boaz and Ruth. Christ is our Boaz. He did the same thing for us when we were in sin and lost in Moab.

* Jesus has purchased us and the church as His bride. The purpose of this relationship is that while we were once dead in sin, we would not be cut off. The bride will receive an inheritance and he will raise us from the dead to live with Him.
* Oh, this story is our future and our story. What Boaz does, Christ has done and will do.

Observation: Boaz calls for witnesses, meaning he wants everyone to know, understand and witness what he has done. He is not ashamed to help Naomi get her stuff back. He is also not ashamed of telling everyone that he loves the girl from Moab from the wrong side of the tracks. Moab was cursed but that didn’t stop him from redeeming her.

* Jesus our Boaz loves us like that too. He redeems us openly. He is not ashamed of our past and where we came from or the mistakes we made. If He is not ashamed, you should no longer be ashamed either….He has set you free. We are loved more than what we know.
* Today’s application. If your Boo is ashamed of you, that might be a sign that he really isn’t that into you. Boaz and Jesus didn’t creep.

***11And all the people that were in the gate, and the elders, said, We are witnesses. The Lord make the woman that is come into thine house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and do thou worthily in Ephratah, and be famous in Bethlehem:***

***12And let thy house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bare unto Judah, of the seed which the Lord shall give thee of this young woman.***

Verse 11-12 – The witnesses concur and proclaim a blessing on Ruth and Boaz….may God make her prosper and be part of the foundation of Israel like Rachel and Leah and be famous in this tribe and in this town. The people speak faith and favor that greater blessings are ahead.

Observe what they are doing. They are witnessing the redemption plan of God in effect through Boaz. What are they witnesses of….redemption. They are witnesses to the promises of God.

* They witnessed Boaz fulfilling the law and restoring someone who made a bad decision.
* They witnessed Boaz redeeming someone who had been living in Moab outside the promises of God.

Because of what they have witnessed, because they have seen what Boaz has done in fulfilling the Law….they make a comparison to other stories in the bible and in their history.

Watch me. What they witnessed today reminds them of a story from yesterday. In the story from their history, they remember how Rachel and Leah were blessed and the foundation of the nation was built upon their offspring. God blessed them like that while they followed the steps.

They remember how Pharez was supposed to be the second born but he came out first and his seed (Bethlehemites) became a great number.

Because of what they have witnessed, with confidence they bless Ruth and expect God will bless them like He blessed others in this story.

Application for Today: I want to see Jesus redeem and do something in my life that it will remind me of how he blessed someone like me, like that. In fact, I’m truly expecting something great coming my way because if I do what they did I may get blessed like they got blessed.

Ruth’s story of redemption has just become connected to Rachel and Leah’s story. They saw how she was being blessed and they connected it to this story of how God moved greatly for them. My story has just become connected to Ruth’s story as I follow these steps….and I’m expecting God to move greatly in my life.

What about Cloverdale? Are we a witness to anything that God is doing in this place? If we can say we are witnesses of God at work in this place through the steps, then perhaps our story has become connected to Ruth’s story which means that God is about to allow what happened to Ruth happen to us….His best is on the way.

Application for Today:

* Boaz is not ashamed to declare to everyone that he is taking Ruth who is a foreigner as his bride. So to, Christ as our redeemer is not ashamed to declare us as friends, his people, or having us as the “bride of Christ”.
* Even though we have been foreigners under sin, our past and where we have come from doesn’t disqualify us from being redeemed.
* We have to take advantage in pursuing the great blessing the Gospel provides us all. If we pursue after Boaz and follow the process Ruth has gone through, we too will be in position to receive God’s best. These steps (7 in all) include:
	+ - Humble submission to pursue and submit to Christ. Understanding that where you currently are, outside of the promised place, is not profitable.
		- Repent and change your mind about where you are. Ruth has a made-up mind to not stay in Moab but instead travel to where God is moving and blessing.
		- New hope and new mind in a new place. Ruth moves physical location and spiritual location as she begins a season as a gleaner where she receives instructions and a promise from Boaz.
		- Being filled and blessed on purpose. This fourth step is representative of the work of the Holy Spirit.
		- Mercy. Ruth requests mercy from Boaz to come under his protection and she extends mercy to others. She blesses others. This is a picture of the Rapture and Christ coming to receive His bride.
		- Victory and Atonement. Ruth is not able to meet the challenges at this stage herself, so Boaz will take on this challenge for her. I see this as a picture of Christ’s return and future victory over our enemies. This would be a reference to the second coming of Christ. Ruth will enjoy victory through the work of Boaz. We too will enjoy victory with His return.
		- Season of joy and peace. In this chapter, we see Ruth and the people rejoice in the good fortune for Ruth and the joy in Boaz receiving his bride. I see this as a clear picture of Christ’s rule on the earth and a season of peace. You can see a similar reference in Genesis in the days of creation where Adam and Eve enjoy the seventh day of rest consistent with this seventh step.
	+ The believer doesn’t have to wait until Christ fulfills the end time prophesy. Just as Ruth goes through these process steps, the same process and outcome is available to us right now.
	+ The story of Ruth is not just about her….it is for us and our application. He is our redeemer!

1 Corinthians 6:19-20, - For ye are bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Isa 43:1 - But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called *thee* by thy name; thou *art* mine.

# Sermon – Ruth Chapter 4 – The Best is Yet to Come, Part 3

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Background: Review key points from Chapter 4.

* Boaz becomes a defender and redeemer for Naomi and Ruth.
* Boaz is willing and able to do what the Law cannot.
* He is proud of redeeming them both.
* There are a host of witnesses. What they see, Boaz at work redeeming others reminds them of other stories in the Bible history. They see the future of Naomi and Ruth in these stories of greatness.
* What Boaz does for Ruth and Naomi, Christ does for us. This is our story.
* Jesus is proud to redeem us. He deals with the Law for us.

***13So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the Lord gave her conception, and she bare a son.***

Verse 13 – Boaz takes her and draws closer. The purpose was not just to be connected to her, but to draw even closer in relationship. When you get that close to Christ…something good will come out of it. Notice that God blessed her on purpose…again!

Something is missing though. Throughout this chapter she is referred to and identified as Ruth the Moabitess. From this point throughout the rest of the story, that reference is dropped.

Application for Today:

* This journey is about relationship and our standing with God. Christians can have a long distance or carnal relationship….or a closer more spiritual relationship with God.
* God’s best and desire is to have close fellowship with His people. There is a role and part in the process that we play by faith. If you do not know how to draw closer to God, simply follow the example of Ruth.
* Christ doesn’t merely want us to be aware of Him, He becomes a part of us and it is the plan of God that we bear fruit and benefit the Kingdom.
* Think about it….God wants to use us and bless us in the same manner spiritually as Ruth. Along with this should be the physical manifestation of His presence in us.
	+ He still works from the inside out. Looking a little bigger on the outside, looking like a blessing about to come out of this….your future is showing.
* Her past is no longer a part of her present or future. Likewise, when you are connected to Christ and accepted by Him, the label you used to have, and who you used to be, shouldn’t define you anymore.

***14And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be the Lord, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel. 15And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter in law, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath born him. 16And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it. 17And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David.***

***18Now these are the generations of Pharez: Pharez begat Hezron,***

***19And Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab,***

***20And Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon,***

***21And Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed,***

***22And Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.***

Verse 14 – Now Naomi is set up for success….she gets to enjoy the blessings and reward. She is not left without a kinsman, redeemer, or bright future or inheritance.

The women proclaim that the child will be famous in the Kingdom. How does one become famous in the Kingdom?

* By being a restorer of life in others and serving elders.
* Love kicked this whole event off….the love relationship between Ruth and Naomi.
* I want to be great in the Kingdom too.

This is what the 6th Step looks like. It looks like when things are bitter and it looks like you’ll never recover, suddenly you see victory. It is the manifestation of a victory you were hoping for when you started this faith walk.

* You didn’t do it; he got the victory for you. He fights for you and delivers you.
* But wait, there is more.

Verse 15 – The proclamation from the people who are rejoicing also is that this child will be a restorer of life even in her old age. Naomi gets to receive a blessing from her investment in Ruth and the benefit will be greater from this one son, than if she had seven other sons. This is a clear indication that Ruth is receiving God’s best and Naomi as a participant shares in this reward.

* It probably didn’t happen the way she had planned. This ain’t the script she had; the way God did it, probably wasn’t on her agenda or liking, but in the end, what God did was far better than what she imagined.
* Just because it doesn’t look like you planned it, if God is involved, it will be better than you ever imagined.

Verse 16 – Naomi was able to hold in this season…her best season, what she has never been able to hold before…a grandchild. She probably thought she would never be able to recover from the losses she suffered while in Moab.

If you do this thing right, you can expect to see some things you never thought you would see and hold on to some things you never thought you would have held onto.

* What??? She lays the child in her bosom and becomes nurse to him. Wait a minute. She didn’t have the child, but she gets to enjoy the benefits. She enjoys a season that she never thought she would experience while she was in Moab (Moab = the wrong place or wrong decisions you made).

Verse 17 – They act like its Naomi’s son…look at how she is getting blessed. The child’s name is called Obed = serving. Obed is Jesse’s dad which means he is King David’s granddad. Please take notice of this….Ruth, a foreigner who is very new to the faith, an outsider, is now redeemed and finds herself in the birth line of the future King of Israel. Jesus our great redeemer is in the line of David. Therefore, Ruth is also now in the line of Jesus. What favor and blessing and what a legacy she now has as a result of her great faith in leaving her past and faithfully waiting on and pursuing God’s best. The great redeemer our great king comes out of this blessing and this foundation….don’t you want a legacy like that?

Look at this closely. Because of the steps and faith Ruth displays, it places her in alignment with the King. She is lined up with Jesus.

Application for Today:

* If you want to be perfectly lined up with God, be perfectly lined up with Christ. Ruth follows the steps. All six steps lines her up in perfect alignment with God’s best blessing. That’s what Step #7 looks like.
* If you follow the steps, you will be lined up for His best. Expect it to happen, as it is in alignment with His plan for you. There is a reward and greatness at the end of this story.
* What about our church. Could Christ bless this place like Ruth and Naomi got blessed. Yes, I believe if we apply the steps as a church, we will see and experience the same story.
	+ Ruth is a picture of the church.
* Love is the key, and this is a love story!

# Sermon – Ruth Chapter 4 – The Best is Yet to Come - Summary

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I want to go over a summary of the sermon series we’ve had in the book of Ruth. Here are some key main points from each chapter in this wonderful love story. It is all about transition.

Chapter 1 – Naomi’s family makes a bad move and go to Moab for help. They stay too long and lose too much. Naomi hears a word that God is blessing in the Promised Land, so she packs up and goes back.

The steps taken, she picks up her cross (humble and sees she is in need); she repents or turns from staying in Moab and leaves Moab behind and moves toward the Promised Land; step three, she arrives back home at the beginning of the harvest season and has hope.

* Don’t make the wrong move during a famine or tough time. Stand on His promises.
* Don’t spend too much time in the wrong place. You will lose more than you gain.
* Get out of Moab and come back to God.
* The word is designed to get you to move in the right direction.
* Your blessing starts when you move, apply the word to your life.
* Some people will only go so far and then turn back.
* During your move, you may lose some things you love, but you will still have left what you need.
* There are three characters – Naomi, Ruth, Orpah…..which one are you?
* Ruth had a divine connection to show her how to get to the place of promise.
* God can’t make you move but will bless you when you move.
* V-22 – coming back empty was the key to her breakthrough.
* When you get there, it is never too late.

Chapter 2 – Transition, Ruth continues the process by gleaning. Finds favor with Boaz while picking up left-overs. Starts getting blessed on purpose while gleaning and she is able to share this blessing with others.

Steps 4 and 5 are completed where she is blessed on purpose and extends this blessing to others.

* Gleaning is what you may have to do before you receive God’s best.
* Getting leftovers and okay with that; McDonalds pies in college; something you didn’t have before.
* When you are humble and faithful in your current season, it gets God’s attention.
* She is working at McDonalds, but Boaz owns the store.
* Speak faith, it activates things in the Kingdom.
* New character added in Boaz. Are you a Boaz, one who encourages the faithful?
* God will always give you further instructions when you get there. Stay in the field of blessing, follow the example of other reapers, know you are protected and provided for, don’t hang out with the wrong folks in the wrong field.
* Your past doesn’t disqualify you from favor and getting blessed on purpose.
* V-12, there is a much greater reward and blessing in your future.
* V-13 – the word will comfort you during transition.
* Hook yourself up before you hook up somebody else.
* Still in transition but getting blessed on purpose so this should be getting easier.
* V-17 – good idea to count your blessings at the end of the day.
* Take the leftovers to bless someone else. People should recognize a difference in you; not coming back the same way you went out.
* Your divine connection can help you understand and apply the word, confirmation.
* We have a rich relative in Jesus from Bethlehem.
* Obedience is the key to blessing.

Chapter 3 – Naomi serves as a mentor and shows Ruth how to go about reaching God’s best the right way. She begins step 6 by asking Boaz to redeem her.

* A good mentor wants to help you get to God’s best; not in it for themselves. Can show you how to get there.
	+ They show you what is worth pursuing.
	+ Show you the proper way to pursue it.
* Go after it the right way; wanting it bad enough, is not enough.
* V-9 – You have Kingdom rights.
* Don’t be afraid of failure.
* We have a near kin in Jesus who is able and willing to pay the price for our redemption. Lev 25:25 –
* Don’t be discouraged when you come so far but still encounter an obstacle in the way.
* Facing obstacles is part of the plan that will work in your favor.
* Boaz reassures her, He will take care of the obstacles we can’t handle.
* Received a measured blessing while she was waiting for the obstacle to be removed.
* Don’t complain about the measured blessing because she wouldn’t have been able to handle more just yet.
* After you visit Boaz, people might not recognize you when you return. They shouldn’t see who left.
* Remember after you’ve done your part, sit still and wait. Jesus is behind the scenes working it out for you.
* God will always provide divine instruction before a divine promotion.

Chapter 4 – A Love Story -- Ruth is redeemed by Boaz, who pays the price for both her and Naomi. Boaz marries Ruth, they have a child and Naomi gets to enjoy the success of Ruth. The child will grow up to be the grandfather of David and Ruth joins the line of Christ. She is famous in the Kingdom. This is step 7 and enjoying the peace of God and His best.

* Jesus is willing and able to do what the Law cannot.
* He (Boaz) is proud of redeeming her. God is proud of us.
* Ruth is famous because she followed the seven steps.
* When you get that close to Christ, something good will come out it every time.
* Reward for the mentor; Naomi is able to hold in this season, her best season, something she had never been able to hold before in Moab.
* Obed is Jessie’s dad who is David’s granddad. In the same line as the King.
* Naomi a picture of Israel, Ruth a picture of the church/Gentiles; Pentecost is when Jews and Gentiles are brought together.
* It’s not how you start, but how you finish.
* Who are you and where are you in this story?
* Personally, as I have looked at the major characters in this story, I align myself and my ministry in this phase of life with Naomi. Naomi serves as a mentor in helping to show Ruth how to get in proper position and how to wait on the promises of God.
	+ My motivation is not to try to be like Ruth, though I believe firmly that each of us have to go through the process steps outlined above. But in following these steps, my goal is to mentor and confirm the Word of God (just as Naomi confirmed the instructions Ruth received from Boaz).
	+ If I can help someone reach a higher level of relationship with Christ and move in position to receive God’s best…..then like Naomi, I can enjoy and rejoice in what God will do in their lives.
	+ There is a reward when you serve God and others in the Kingdom.
* Ruth is a book of clues designed to reveal to us the ultimate plan of God; also, a clue to how you can have a happy ending and an expected end.
* Where is the Lord in this story?
	+ Pentecost, when Jews and Gentiles are brought together.
* Ruth wasn’t accepted because of her condition, but Boaz turned her condition around.
* Some bad things in your life are about to be turned around.
* Instead of asking everybody else for help, maybe we just need to ask Jesus.
* Jesus always keeps his promises so don’t be surprised….expect it to happen.
* The enemy wants you to think delay means denial. Just because you don’t have it now doesn’t mean it is not on the way.
* Ruth wasn’t satisfied in just knowing Boaz, she got closer. We need to get closer to Jesus.
* Conception is always the harvest you get by getting together with God.
* Ruth went through a lot. What you are able to handle will often determine what God gives you back.
* Something from God is about to come out and when you get it, you’ll see it was worth the pain and trouble.
* Naomi was qualified to be blessed because she blessed Ruth.
* Your blessing may not always be just “stuff”. Ruth received something better than just stuff. She had a good name and promise of fame.
* Your latter will be greater than your past.

There are three critical perspectives we can take away from the story of Ruth.

* Her story is a foreshadow of God’s plan. He’s practicing.
* Place yourself in the story; where are you?
* The Kingdom plan is seen. How to prepare for the second coming.