

## Better Than SEVEN Sons ~ Ruth 4:1-22

→ Scripture Reading Ruth 4:9-10, 13-15

### INTRODUCTION

**Ruth 3:18** (NIV) Then Naomi said, WAIT, my daughter, until you find out what happens. For the man WILL NOT REST until the matter is settled today.

### TAKE my SANDAL ~ Ruth 4:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Meanwhile Boaz went up to the town gate and sat there. When the kinsman-redeemer he had mentioned came along, Boaz said, "Come over here, **my friend**, and sit down." So he went over and sat down. <sup>2</sup> Boaz took ten of the elders of the town and said, "Sit here," and they did so. <sup>3</sup> Then he said to the kinsman-redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from Moab, is selling the piece of land that belonged to our brother Elimelech. <sup>4</sup> I thought I should bring the matter to your attention and suggest that you buy it in the presence of these seated here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, do so. But if you will not, tell me, so I will know. For no one has the right to do it except you, and I am next in line." "I will redeem it," he said. <sup>5</sup> Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the land from Naomi and from Ruth the Moabitess, you acquire the dead man's widow, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property." <sup>6</sup> At this, the kinsman-redeemer said, "Then I cannot redeem it because I might endanger my own estate. You redeem it yourself. I cannot do it." <sup>7</sup> (Now in earlier times in Israel, for the redemption and transfer of property to become final, one party took off his sandal and gave it to the other. This was the method of legalizing transactions in Israel.) <sup>8</sup> So the kinsman-redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it yourself." And he removed his sandal.

### IMPLICATION

#### → IN our DARKEST Times God is THERE

**Isaiah 45:5-7** (NIV) I AM the LORD, and there is no other; APART from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, <sup>6</sup> so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is NONE besides ME. I am the LORD, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup> I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things.

→ MY PLAN will be carried out - MY PURPOSES will be accomplished

**Romans 8:31** (NIV) ...If God is FOR US, who can be AGAINST us?

#### How Should we Respond to Our Redeeming God?

- TRUST Him THROUGH the Struggle
- SUBMIT to Him
- ACCEPT what God is Doing

### Ruth and Boaz are MARRIED ~ Ruth 4:9-12

<sup>9</sup> Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses that I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelech, Kilion and Mahlon. <sup>10</sup> I have also acquired Ruth the Moabitess, Mahlon's widow, as my wife, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property, so that his name will not disappear from among his family or from the town records. Today you are witnesses!" <sup>11</sup> Then the elders and all those at the gate said, **We are witnesses...**

#### TERMS OF THE CONTRACT...

- I bought the RIGHT to Redeem the Land
- I acquired the WIDOW of Mahlon as MY WIFE
- I will REDEEM the Land
- the LAND will be RETURNED to Naomi's Family

<sup>11</sup> Then the elders and all those at the gate said, "We are witnesses. **May the LORD make the woman who is coming into your home** like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you have standing in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem. <sup>12</sup> Through the offspring the LORD gives you by this young woman, may your family be like that of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah."

## No LONGER Empty ~ Ruth 4:13-22

<sup>13</sup> So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. Then he went to her, and the LORD enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. <sup>14</sup> The women said to Naomi: "Praise be to the LORD, who this day has not left you without a kinsman-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel!" <sup>15</sup> **He will renew your life** and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth." <sup>16</sup> Then Naomi took the child, laid him in her lap and cared for him. <sup>17</sup> The women living there said, "Naomi has a son." And **THEY NAMED him Obed**. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David. <sup>18</sup> This, then, is the family line of Perez: Perez was the father of Hezron, <sup>19</sup> Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab, <sup>20</sup> Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, <sup>21</sup> Salmon the father of **BOAZ**, Boaz the father of Obed, <sup>22</sup> Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David.

## IMPLICATION

### →Ruth shows On-Going Daily FAITHFULNESS

**Colossians 3:17** (NLT) And **whatever you DO or SAY, do it AS a REPRESENTATIVE** of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

### →God works THROUGH the Trauma and Heartache

**Matthew 1:22-23** (NLT) **ALL of this** occurred to FULFILL the Lord's message through his prophet: <sup>23</sup> Look! The VIRGIN will conceive a child. She will give birth to a SON, and they will call Him **Immanuel**, which means **God is with us**.

## TAKE AWAY ?? DPlatt

### The Kinsman-Redeemer had...

- a RIGHT to Redeem
- the RESOURCES to Redeem
- to have the RESOLVE to Redeem

### →We have a REDEEMER too our Lord Jesus Christ

**Philippians 2:5-8** (NIV) Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in **very nature God**, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, **He humbled Himself and became OBEDIENT to DEATH - even death on a cross!**

## JESUS HAS...

### ...the RIGHT to Redeem us

**Hebrews 2:14** (NLT) Because God's children are human beings - made of flesh and blood - the SON also became flesh and blood. For only as a HUMAN being could He DIE, and only BY DYING could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death.

### ...the RESOURCES to Redeem us

**1 Peter 1:18-19** (NIV) For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were REDEEMED from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

### ...the RESOLVE to Redeem us

**Mark 14:36** (NLT) Abba, Father, he cried out, everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want YOUR will to be DONE, not Mine.

**Mark 14:41-42** (NLT) ...The Son of Man is BETRAYED into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup> Up, let's be going. Look, my betrayer is here.