



## Part#5: "You Just Never Know"

Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the redeemer, of whom Boaz had spoken, came by. So Boaz said, "Turn aside, friend; sit down here." And he turned aside and sat down. And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down Ruth 4:1-2

- We Are Not Given The NAME Of This Other "Redeemer"

"Friend" = Hebrew פֶּלִיטָא אֱלֹמֹנִי Palmoni Almoni = "Mr. So & So" - "That Guy"

Then he said to the redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our relative Elimelech. <sup>4</sup> So I thought I would tell you of it and say, 'Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people.' If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you<sup>[a]</sup> will not, tell me, that I may know, for there is no one besides you to redeem it, and I come after you." And he said, "I will redeem it." Ruth 4:3-4

### Three Requirements For a "Redeemer"

1. You Had to Have The RIGHT
2. You Had to Have The RESOURCE
3. You Had to Have The RESOLVE

<sup>5</sup> Then Boaz said, "The day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead, in order to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance." <sup>6</sup> Then the redeemer said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it." Ruth 4:5-6

- Mr. "So & So" Was Simply Not Willing To Pay The PRICE To Redeem Naomi & Ruth

Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and to Mahlon. Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day." Ruth 4:9-11

- Boaz WILLINGLY Offers Up His Resources To Purchase The Field - In Order To Redeem Naomi & Ruth.

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Matthew 13:44

- Jesus Is The BETTER Boaz -Jesus Is Our Kinsman Redeemer

*"Like Boaz, Jesus Bought The Field So He Could Have His Bride."*

<sup>11</sup> Then all the people who were at the gate and the elders said, "We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you act worthily in Ephrathah and be renowned in Bethlehem, <sup>12</sup> and may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring that the LORD will give you by this young woman." Ruth 4:11-12

- Jesus Not Only Redeem Us, Jesus BLESSES Us

So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him." <sup>16</sup> Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her lap and became his nurse." Ruth 4:13-16

# Life Group Questions

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- What stood out to you from this weekend's message?
- It's been said "Showing up is half the battle." Ruth kept showing up and God used those seemingly small acts of faith and obedience to bring about an amazing outcome. How have you seen God's hand at work in your life when you faithfully "show up"?

Read Ruth Chapter 4:1-16.

- The other "redeemer" is unnamed. Do you think this is purposeful? If so, why?
- Why do you think this unnamed redeemer backed out of the deal when he learned he would have to marry Ruth? Do you think his action was honorable? Understandable?
- Boaz had the right, the resources and the resolve to redeem Naomi & Ruth. What do you think motivated Boaz's resolve? Why?

Read Matthew 13:44.

- How is this parable reflected in the story of Ruth?
- How is this story reflected in our story with Jesus?
- How does it make you feel to know that from Jesus' perspective you are a valuable treasure, worth giving up his life for?
- Another way to read this parable is to see Jesus and His kingdom as the treasure and our willingness to sell "all that we have" in order to obtain it. How does this square with your life currently? What steps could you take this week to deepen your commitment and devotion to Jesus?
- Pray for each other that we, like Boaz and Ruth, would be people of noble character.

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