

**Study Questions**  
**RUTH – A STORY OF REDEMPTION**  
*Redeeming Ruth*  
**Ruth 4**  
**Grace Community Church**  
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Context: The concluding chapter of Ruth describes the actions of Boaz in fulfilling the work of being a redeemer for Naomi and Ruth. The transaction is successfully made, he and Ruth are married, and they bear a son named Obed.

1. Describe the parallels between the crises of Naomi's and Ruth's day and our own.
2. The people in our story are not always positive examples, as is true throughout the Bible. Briefly summarize the positive or negative examples of each character who appears onstage in the story of Ruth.
3. Why did Boaz go through the trouble of informing the nearer relative of his opportunity or obligation?
4. What was the motivation of the other potential redeemer? How is this revealed in the text?
5. What is God's 'providence?' How is it displayed in this passage?
6. What is the significance, if any, that the other redeemer is not named?
7. Why did Boaz wait until the other redeemer had agreed to buy the land before he dropped the 'bombshell' that Ruth was involved, either as his new wife or the wife of Boaz (the Hebrew text allows either translation)?
8. Note how chapter 4 includes a dominant section of "blessings" (v. 11-12, 14-15). What is the significance of these blessings, especially as they include the names of "Rachel" and "Leah."
9. Verses 12 and 18 include references to 'Perez.' Find out where this story is recorded and read how Perez came into existence in a scandalous way. How can this be recorded as part of a blessing here?
10. How does Boaz parallel our Redeemer, Jesus? List as many ways as you can think of in which he did what Jesus ultimately did.
11. Have you come to personal faith in Jesus as your Redeemer? Have you received the gift of forgiveness, cleansing, a new position as God's child, and a new eternal home?