

Ruth: The Message of Redemption and Revival (Message Listener Guide)

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An Introduction to the Book of Ruth: Session 1

(NOTE: Please disregard any reference to page numbers given in the DVD. These refer to an earlier version of note-blank, and not to this study guide.)

- The story of Ruth is one of the most beautiful _____ stories of all time.
- This is also a story about _____.
- In the book of Ruth, we find women going through various _____ of life.
- In Ruth we see almost every _____ of _____ that a woman can experience.
- Ruth is one of five women listed in the genealogy of Christ in Matthew 1.
- To be related to Jesus is not a matter of being a good woman or a religious person, it's a matter of being a sinner who knows something of the _____ of God.
- Major themes in the Book of Ruth:
 - The _____ of God.
 - The meaning of _____ love.
 - The _____ that one can make.
 - The meaning of _____.
- The Law of the Kinsman-Redeemer:
 - The kinsman-redeemer had both a _____ and a _____ to his impoverished relative.
 - The kinsman-redeemer could buy back land and _____ it to a relative.

- The kinsman-redeemer could also raise up _____ for his brother, to preserve the family name.

Running, Rebuke, Repentance: Session 2

- The setting for the Book of Ruth is in the wicked days when the _____ ruled.
- Famine was unusual in this land. Bethlehem-Judah means “house of _____ and _____.”
- The famine was a result of _____, so the solution was not in _____, but in _____.
- The moment this family stepped out of God’s will, God began creating _____ to bring them back home and back to Himself.
- God used two things to bring Naomi back:
 - His hand of _____
 - News of _____ back home
- Repent mean to _____ my mind, to realize I’ve been going my own way instead of _____ way.
- When Naomi repented, she had to get up and _____ Moab.
- Repentance is the first step in the process of _____.
- Our “Moab” is the places, things, and people to which we turn to get our _____ met rather than looking to _____. Moab is the _____ for God in our lives.

Resolve: Session 3

- Naomi was looking for _____ for herself and her daughters-in-law. This is a recurring theme in the Book of Ruth.
- Bitterness of spirit produces _____ in our souls.
- Rest is not a matter of a change in our _____ circumstances, but something God gives within our hearts.
- The daughters-in-law are faced with a _____.
- They could choose between the pathway of _____ and _____ or the pathway of _____ and _____.
- If you’re willing to sacrifice immediate _____ to settle for long-term blessing, you will choose the pathway of commitment and compassion.
- Ruth made a:
 - conscious, _____ choice. Her choice was a matter of _____ and _____.
 - choice based on _____ rather than feelings.
 - a steadfast, _____ choice.

- _____, lifetime choice.
- _____ percent choice requiring total commitment.
- _____ choice.
- The foundational choice to follow Christ does not eliminate smaller choices that we must make on a daily basis, but it does _____ them.

Resentment: Session 4

- The outcome of our lives is not determined by what happens to us, but by how we _____ to what happens to us.
- How we respond will be determined by our _____ of God.
- Naomi had a faulty view of God. She did not see that the painful circumstances in her life were an expression of God's _____.
- Naomi responded to her circumstances in resentment and _____, and others became defiled by the overflow.
- As a step to determine if you are bitter, ask:
- Is there anyone in my life that I have never fully _____?
- Is there any person or circumstances in my life for which I have never _____ God?
- Naomi, in the process of _____, needed a right view of God.
- To be set free from bitterness, we need to:
- Look _____.
- Look _____.

Refuge: Session 5

- In contrast to Naomi's spirit of bitterness, we see Ruth's response to her _____ circumstances.
- In the Old Testament, God's provision for the poor was that they should _____, and that the wealthy should _____ the poor to work.
- Another title for this chapter might be _____ and _____.
- Ruth was diligent and _____. Even menial work, when done through love, can be a _____.
- From Ruth's standpoint, she just "happened" to come upon Boaz's field, but with God there are no _____.
- Boaz tells Ruth to stay in his field—the "Field of _____."
- "God will rarely change my circumstances until He has used my circumstances to _____ me."
- The "Wings of God" provide:

- _____ (Psalm 17:8-9)
- _____ (Psalm 36:7-8)
- _____ in the midst of the storm (Psalm 57:1)
- help and _____ (Psalm 63:7)
- _____ in the midst of _____ circumstances (Psalm 91:4)
- Three qualifications of a Kinsman-Redeemer are:
- The man had to have the _____ to redeem—he had to be related.
- The man had to have the _____ to redeem—the ability to pay.
- The man had to be _____ to redeem.

Request: Session 6—Part One

- Ruth wants nothing for herself; she is seeking an _____ for her deceased husband. She is fulfilling her _____ to follow the ways of God in restoring her family name and family lands.
- Ruth’s response gives us a key to successful marriage relationships—not based on personal happiness, but rather on _____, sacrifice, obedience, and _____.
- Ruth first found refuge under the shadow of God’s wings, and then she was able to find refuge under the garment of a _____.
- Boaz, the kinsman-redeemer, says to Ruth, “Don’t be _____. I will do for you _____ you ask.”
- Ruth was known in the city as a woman of _____ character. She is a _____ woman.
- Women’s virtue should _____ men.
- Virtue is a matter of the _____, and it affects everything in our lives.
- Naomi now counsels Ruth to _____ until Boaz settles the matter.
- God doesn’t fix every situation _____; sometimes we too must _____.

Redemption & Restoration: Session 6—Part Two

- The grace of God always has a _____!
- The city elders pronounced a three-fold blessing to Boaz and Ruth:
- A blessing on the _____
- A blessing on the _____
- A blessing on their _____
- The women of the city told Naomi that she would _____ have a “goel” (redeemer) to care for her.

Our Redemption

● Our condition: _____ and _____

Two biblical words that describe our situation:

● His intervention

● The transaction: _____ of _____. I become His!

My part—by faith:

Acknowledge my _____.

Appeal for grace.

Give myself and my situation fully to Him.

His part—the transformation

My _____

My _____

My _____