

**Series:** The Gospel According to Ruth

**Sermon:** First Comes Love, Then Comes Marriage

**Main Scripture:** Ruth 4 (NASB)

**Supporting Scripture:** Matthew 20:28; Ephesians 4:1

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**Message Takeaway:** Redemption is personal. What will you do with your redeemed life?

**Supporting Thoughts:**

- Redemption comes with a price...with a sacrifice.
- Redemption is personal because God's love is personal.
- You belong to the family of the unsandaled.
- The Three-fold Blessing Given to Boaz:
  1. May Ruth be a woman who builds up Israel.
  2. May Boaz be known for his righteousness.
  3. May Team Boaz reveal the providence of God in their lives.
- The most important name, the Name of Jesus.

**Concluding thoughts: Redemption** (Jason Dexter)

- Redemption is an act of grace
- Redemption is public
- Redemption is an act of love
- Redemption comes with a price
- Redemption is priceless
- Redemption is irreversible
- Redemption must be accepted
- **Challenge: What price is God calling you to pay for the good of others?**

**Discussion Questions:**

- When you talk to unmarried friends about seeking a spouse, how could the book of Ruth inform what you say?
- Name three things that have stood out to you in the book of Ruth.
- How have you seen God's provision in this story?
- How does the story of Ruth give you confidence in Jesus?
- As you look at this week's challenge, what has God placed on your heart as you try to answer that question? If you're willing, please share that with the group.

**Sources/Theologians/Scholars:** Warren Wiersbe (Old Testament Commentary), Eugene Peterson (Five Smooth Stones For Pastoral Work – Ruth), J.Vernon McGee (Through the Bible Commentary), Tony Merida (Ruth for You), Kris Langham (Through the Word Bible App), Sandra Richter (The Epic of Eden: A Christian Entry into the Old Testament); Jason Dexter (Study and Obey found on the web at <https://studyandobey.com/inductive-bible-study/ruth/> )