

Series "Route 66" "Ruth" Book-8

The formula for spiritual emptiness

Unbelief plus rebellion plus bitterness equals emptiness.

The formula for spiritual life

Faith plus submission plus gratitude equals satisfaction.

Ruth

Hebrew word "friendship or association"

The Author

When Written

- *Ruth 1:1*

Where it was Written

Purpose

A Book of Redemption

Theme

"Love in Dark Times"

Key Words

Kinsman-Redeemer 13X

Key Chapter

Ruth 4

Key Passage

- *Ruth 1:16*

- *Ruth 3:11*

Outline

1. Ruth's Sorrow – Ruth 1
2. Ruth's Service - Ruth 2
3. Ruth's Surrender - Ruth 3

4. Ruth's Satisfaction Ruth - 4

1. Ruth's Sorrow – Ruth 1

Naomi's wrong decision: Ruth 1:1-5

- Judg. 6:5-6

Moab - (• *Genesis 19:30-38*)

- *Deut. 23:3-4*

- Ruth 1:3

Elimelech - "My God is king"

Naomi - "my delight", "The pleasant one."

- Ruth 1:4

- *Deut. 7:3-4*

Ruth - "friendship"

- Ruth 1:5

- *Job 9:4*

Naomi's wrong counsel: Ruth 1:6-14

- Ruth 1:13

Naomi's wrong attitude: Ruth 1:19-22

- Ruth 1:16

1. Ruth makes a commitment to Naomi.
2. Ruth makes a commitment to the people of God.
3. Ruth makes a commitment to the true God.

- Ruth 1:19-20

"Do not call me Naomi; "The pleasant one" "My delight"

call me Mara, "Bitter"

- Heb. 12:11
- Ruth 1:21
- Ruth 1:22

2. Ruth's Service - Ruth 2

God guides Ruth: Ruth 2:1-3

- 1 John 2:2

Boaz - "Strength" "Sturdy." His name reflected the character of the man.

- Ruth 2:2
 - *Lev. 23:22*
- Ruth 2:3

Boaz shows kindness to Ruth: Ruth 2:4-16

- Ruth 2:5-12

Naomi encourages Ruth: Ruth 2:17-23 Ruth 2:18-19

Hope because of who Boaz was - a kinsman. Used 13x in Ruth.

"Kinsman Redeemer" Could redeem 3 things:

1. Personal Property - • *Lev. 25:25*
 2. Persons that were sold into slavery-
 - *Lev. 25:26;47-49*
 3. Widows redeemed by marriage so their family name and inheritance would continue on - (• *Deut 25:5-10*)
- Ruth 2:22

The older - possess wisdom, but sometimes lack the zeal, the vision, but are stable.

The younger - lack wisdom, but have the zeal, have vision but lack the patience of time.

- Ruth 2:23

3. Ruth's Surrender - Ruth 3

Ruth obeys Naomi's counsel: Ruth 3:1-5

- Ruth 3:1-2

The 3 Rules for the Kinsman Redeemer:

1. He had to be the closest relative. • *Genesis 3:15*
2. Be willing. • *Matt. 11:28*
3. Be able. • *Matt. 28:18*

- Ruth 3:3-5

Ruth submits to Boaz: Ruth 3:6-13

- Ruth 3:7-9

1. Boaz did not know that Ruth was interested.
2. Boaz was older.
3. Boaz was not next of kin.

- Ruth 3:10-13

Ruth waits for Boaz to work: Ruth 3:14-18

- Ruth 3:15-18

"Wait - "Sit still." be still, take your hands off and relax.

4. Ruth's Satisfaction Ruth - 4

Boaz redeems Ruth: Ruth 4:1-12

- Ruth 4:1

gate - The gate became the center of town, by which every person would have to pass by coming and going. It became the courthouse of each city. Elders would sit at the gates and would judge the issues of the city.

- Ruth 4:3-6

- Ruth 4:7-9
 - *Revelation 5*
- Ruth 4:10
 - *Matt. 13:44*
- Ruth 4:11-12

Boaz marries Ruth: Ruth 4:13

Boaz and Ruth have a son: Ruth 4:14-21

- Ruth 4:14-17

Ruth 4:22 and to Obed was born Jesse, and to Jesse, David. Why this genealogy? How important is it? It is one of the crucial links in the bloodline of Jesus. It was foretold in Genesis 50 that the messiah would come through the tribe of Judah, it links the family of that is what Ruth discloses.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

There are many lessons we can learn from this wonderful book:

- (1) No matter how difficult the situation may be, if we surrender to the Lord and obey Him, He will see us through.
- (2) No person is so far outside the reach of God's grace that he or she cannot be saved. Ruth had everything against her, but the Lord saved her!
- (3) God providentially guides those who want to obey Him and serve others. Because Ruth was concerned for Naomi, God led her and brought her into a life of happiness.
- (4) It does no good to get angry at God and blame Him for our mistakes. God used Ruth to lead Naomi out of despair and into His blessing.
- (5) There are no "small decisions" with God. Ruth's decision to glean in the fields led to her becoming an ancestress of King David and of the Messiah. Ps. 37:3-7 fulfilled in Ruth's experience.
- (6) It is wise to wait on the Lord and let Him work out His loving purposes. "The one who trusts will never be dismayed" • Isa. 28:16, NIV. After we have done all that we can do, we must trust the Lord to do the rest; and He will never fail us.