

# Week 8: History Makers, Legacy Builders

## Opening.

In this final sermon on the Book of Ruth, and we see that there is direct link between the values we embrace and the legacy we leave. In order for a heritage builder to dedicate their home to God, he or she must make several commitments—some of which are costly. When we obey God, He is able to build a legacy for us far better than we can imagine. You and I can make history and build a legacy that generations will look back to and praise God for!

**Scripture.** Ruth 4:13-22

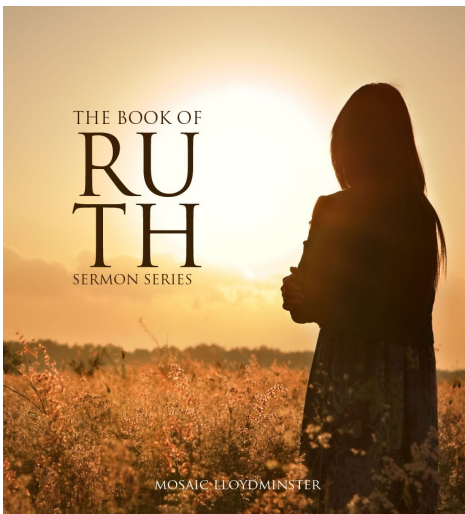
## Observation.

- How does Ruth's life change according to 4:13-17?
- Look back at Ruth 2:12 and Ruth 3:10. How do the blessings of 4:13 correspond to these verses?
- Carefully read Ruth 4:14-15. Who is the "redeemer" the women are referring to? Along with "redeemer," what else would he be for Naomi?
- In 4:17, Ruth is compared to seven sons. What is the significance of this in light of the story?
- Compare Naomi's state in 1:19-21 with her state in 4:13-16. What do you find? How does Naomi's life change for the better?
- The book of Ruth closes with a genealogy. Why do you think the author chose to include this?
- Ruth's late husband Mahlon came from the tribe of Ephraim (1:1), but God gave Ruth a husband from the tribe of Judah. Judah is the tribe from which the Messiah will be born. Read Genesis 49:10. In Matthew 1:5-6, we find the names of Boaz and Ruth as the human ancestors of Jesus.
- How is Boaz an example of Christ? How are they similar redeemers? How is Jesus a truer, better redeemer than Boaz? Read Philippians 2:1-11 to help you with your answer.

## Application.

- Reflect on your own life. How has God brought sweetness out of a bitter season? What did you learn about God? What did you learn about yourself?
- The story of Ruth is a story of redemption. Compare your life today to how it was before you trusted in Christ to redeem you from the curse of sin. Describe how your redemption has brought you hope in the present and hope for the future.
- What characteristic of God have you seen most clearly in this study? How can this knowledge of God bring transformation in your life? How does this challenge you to change the way you think, speak, and/or live?
- The values you embrace, the faith you live out and the decisions you make determine what kind of legacy you are leaving behind. How can you leave a legacy like Ruth did?
- At a time when people did what was right in their own eyes, Ruth and Boaz were the exceptions in their generation. They did what the majority of people didn't, which was to follow God. How does this challenge you in living as a Christ-follower in today's world?

**Prayer.** Is there an area of your life that you need to surrender to God?



## SCRIPTURE

### Ruth 4

13 So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When he made love to her, the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son.

14 The women said to Naomi: "Praise be to the Lord, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel!"

15 He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth."

16 Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him.

17 The women living there said, "Naomi has a son!" And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

*The Genealogy of David*

18 This, then, is the family line of Perez:

Perez was the father of Hezron,

19 Hezron the father of Ram,

Ram the father of Amminadab,

20 Amminadab the father of Nahshon,

Nahshon the father of Salmon,

21 Salmon the father of Boaz,

Boaz the father of Obed,

22 Obed the father of Jesse,

and Jesse the father of David.