

Introduction:

- Review last session.
 - Beacon of Hope
 - Outstanding in her field.
 - Why All The Favor?
- *"He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer."* (Ruth 3:9, ESV)
- Chapter three is the turning point of the entire story.

I. Why all the favor? 2:10. Ruths' hesed and service to Naomi.

- A. *"The Lord repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!"* (Ruth 2:12, ESV)
1. Boaz is literally praying, "May Yahweh repay your actions!" (Which were very good actions!)
 2. Repay means to: *"restore or replace with an equivalent or more."*
 3. The word 'full' means completely!
- B. Ruth had found a place under the wings of God! Ruth had found a place under the wings of God's grace. Grace is not earned or deserved; it is freely given. Ruth did not impress God with a performance but with a genuine heart of love!
- C. Ruth is living Gal 5:6 *"For in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love."*
- D. The big question now is how will Ruth be repaid. How will God answer Boaz's prayer over Ruth? *"Boaz himself would in fact answer his own prayer (see 3:9)."* Hubbard, R. L. (1988).

[The Book of Ruth](#) (p. 168). Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

II. Boaz A Kinsman Redeemer. Ruth 2:20

- A. Naomi's hope! - she has found a close relative and a redeemer. Before she was discouraged and now she has hope!
- B. Kinsman Redeemer what is that?
1. Was a way of reclaiming property that was sold to pay off debt. Evidently Naomi or her late husband had sold the family property in order to survive. Kinsman redeemer was when a close family member bought the property back for the widow, or the indebted person once his debt was paid.
 2. The kinsman redeemer would come and buy back the property so that it would stay in tribal and clan hands.
 - a) *"The primary meaning of this root is to do the part of a kinsman and thus to redeem his kin from difficulty or danger. One difference between this root and the very similar root pādâ "redeem," is that there is usually an emphasis in gā'al*

on the redemption being the privilege or duty of a near relative." Harris, R. L. (1999). [300](#)
[283](#). In R. L. Harris, G. L. Archer Jr., & B. K. Waltke (Eds.), *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament* (electronic ed., p. 144). Moody
 Press.

- b) Jesus is our kinsman redeemer! He is our redeemer in that He stands for us and vindicates us!
 - (1) A near relative for he became a man!
 - (2) Not just any man, but the man who would redeem us with His own blood.
- 3. Naomi is counting on a family member to buy back her property. It would become his until Naomi passed away and then it would be given to Ruth.
- C. Naomi's actions begin to execute God's plans. 2:20-ff
 - 1. Remember God works through people.
 - 2. Naomi and Ruth have prayed and their actions are bringing about the answers to their prayer. I call this favor! Most of the time we pray we are required to do something of faith in response to prayer.
 - 3. Naomi is after two things in a kinsman redeemer.
 - a) One, get her property back into the family.
 - b) Two, levirate marriage. That the redeemer would also marry Ruth. The Goal of this action was to produce an heir.
 - c) The custom was if the husband died the brother would come and sleep with the widow until she had a child. That child would be her future! To care for her by keeping the fields.
- D. Here's the plan from Naomi to Ruth:
 - 1. Wash, put on perfume, best outfit.
 - 2. Watch where he lays and you go sleep at his feet.
 - 3. After he is asleep, uncover his feet. So that in the night he awake because of cold feet.
 - 4. Do what he says after that.

III. Spread Your Wings Over Your Servant

- A. *"The Lord repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!"* (Ruth 2:12, ESV)
 - 1. A prayer by Boaz for God to spread His wings over Ruth.
 - 2. To reward her for her faithful service to Naomi.
- B. *"He said, 'Who are you?' And she answered, 'I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer.'"* (Ruth 3:9, ESV)
 - 1. "This older man loves you, and he loves you because you have taken refuge under the wings of God, and you came and found refuge with him."
 - 2. Ruth reaches for answer to her prayer, "Spread your wings over me."

3. Note to self: both 2:12 and 3:9 have to do with 'covering'
 - a) 2:12 under the authority of God.
 - b) 3:9 under the authority of Boaz.
- C. Verse 3:10. You have made this last Heseid greater than the first. You have not gone after young men, nor rich. You are a worthy woman!
 1. Boaz purposes to redeem both Ruth and Naomi's property.
 2. This is the heart of Jesus to any man who calls on the name of the Lord.
 3. This is the heart of Jesus to any man who humbles himself and looks to Jesus to live.
 4. Morning comes Boaz fills her garment with barley and sends her home to Naomi.
 - 5. The man will not rest but will settle the matter today.** Ruth 3:18