

# Sermon Reflections

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## *Faith-Filled Action (Part 2)*    Ruth 3:1 - 4:22

**Summary:**    God's sovereignty leads to faith-filled action, not apathy, because our God is a redeeming God.

**Review of Faith-filled actions:** Ruth committed herself to Naomi and to God when they were leaving Moab. God blessed her diligence when she went to glean. He allowed her to meet Boaz. Ruth obeyed Naomi's instructions to essentially propose to Boaz. Boaz acted quickly and in faith to settle the arrangements for Naomi and Ruth to be cared for.

### **1. Depend on the Lord to redeem (4:7-17)**

- Boaz offered the nearer kinsman the right of refusal. He declined to redeem but agreed that Boaz was free to assume responsibility for Naomi, Ruth and all of Elimelech's property. What is the significance of taking off a sandal and giving to the other party? (Deut 25:7-10, Joshua 1:3)
- God revealed His wisdom and His mercy toward widows in Leviticus 25:25 and Deut 25:5-6 by setting up the plan for the Kinsman Redeemer. In this way, property could remain in a family and widows could be provided for until sons were old enough to assume responsibility for managing the affairs and caring for mothers/grandmothers, etc. What greater gospel truth does this illustrate? (Hebrews 2:14)
- What is the significance of Christ being "made like his brothers"? (Hebrews 2:14-18)
- The elders that Boaz assembled: what did their reaction in 4:11 put on display?
- What is the evidence of the faithfulness of God in verse 4:13? In verse 14, what is the reaction of the "women" around Naomi? In what ways can you acknowledge God's control of matters in your own life? What mercies and deliverances are you thankful for?
- In the book of Ruth, how do we see God accomplish His purpose? (Hint: the title of the message.) He honors our obedience and diligence and faithfulness. How are you acting in faith, trusting God to direct your life circumstances?

### **2. Remember the Lord's Faithfulness (4:18-22)**

- Obed is the grandfather of David. Why is that important? After all, David nor his sons lived faithful all their days. Why is this recounting about more than just a widow in need?
- What are some specific ways God has worked the circumstances in your own life to bring you to faith, to give you a spouse, bring you to GBC, etc.? How has He done this in your brothers' lives?
- Recount together precious truths of the Gospel that display God's faithfulness. (Rev 5:11-14)