



- Widowed Naomi and widowed daughter-in-law Ruth return to Bethlehem in Judah from Moab with nothing.
- Bert discussed the women's trust in God's sovereignty.



- Ansy walked through ch 2.
- Ruth finds herself gleaning in the field of Boaz, a relative of Naomi's husband.
- Ruth is protected and blessed by Boaz's kindness
- We can also glean blessings from our redeemer, Jesus

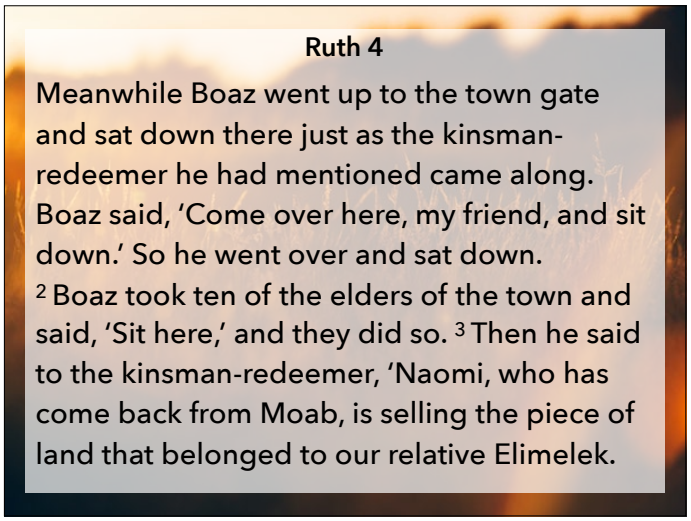


Situation before Ch. 3

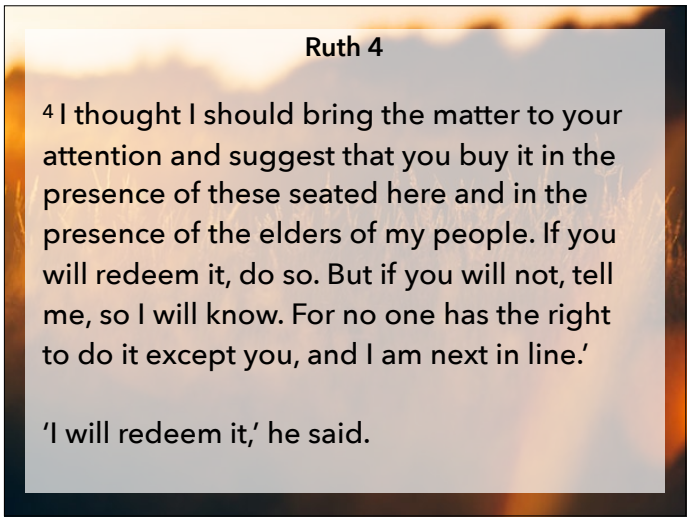
- The kindness shown by Boaz in Ch. 2 stops Ruth and Naomi from starving, but isn't a good quality existence.
- Reminder of Ruth's position in society as a foreign widow. Bottom of the pile.
- Besides, gleaning in Ch. 2 is temporary for the harvest season. Approx. 8 weeks (max) before Naomi/Ruth needed to find food again.
- Israelite tradition was that widows would be taken care of by their family, if they chose to redeem them by marriage, otherwise, back to scraps.
- Perhaps Boaz isn't thinking that anything would happen: he's a much older man (perhaps a similar age to Ruth's father-in-law Elimilech). We're not told why he notices Ruth—in Ch. 2 he shows he mercy, but this might not yet be a romantic gesture.
- Ch. 3 begins with Boaz threshing barley: end of harvest season. End of gleaning.

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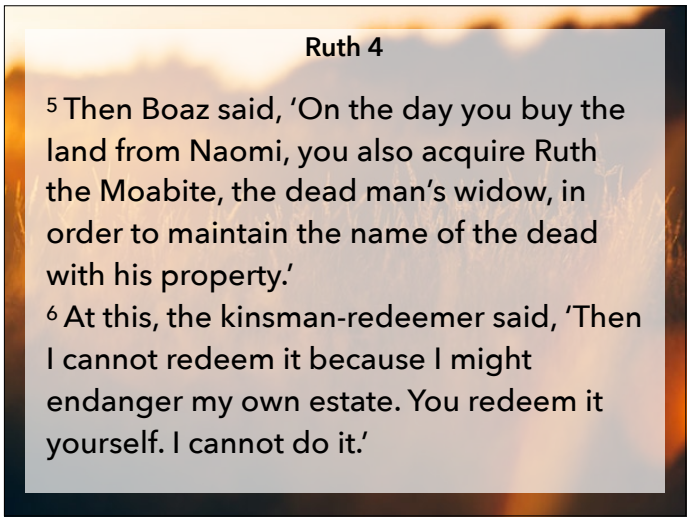


Meanwhile Boaz went up to the town gate and sat down there just as the kinsman-redeemer he had mentioned came along. Boaz said, 'Come over here, my friend, and sit down.' So he went over and sat down.
2 Boaz took ten of the elders of the town and said, 'Sit here,' and they did so. 3 Then he said to the kinsman-redeemer, 'Naomi, who has come back from Moab, is selling the piece of land that belonged to our relative Elimelek.

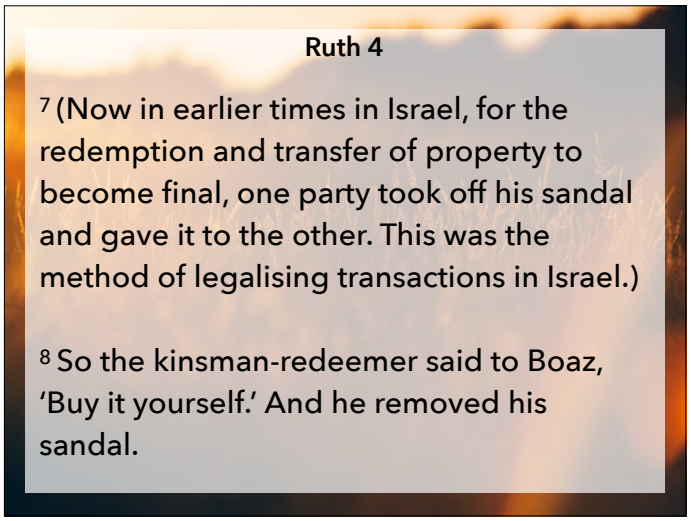


4 I thought I should bring the matter to your attention and suggest that you buy it in the presence of these seated here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, do so. But if you will not, tell me, so I will know. For no one has the right to do it except you, and I am next in line.'

'I will redeem it,' he said.

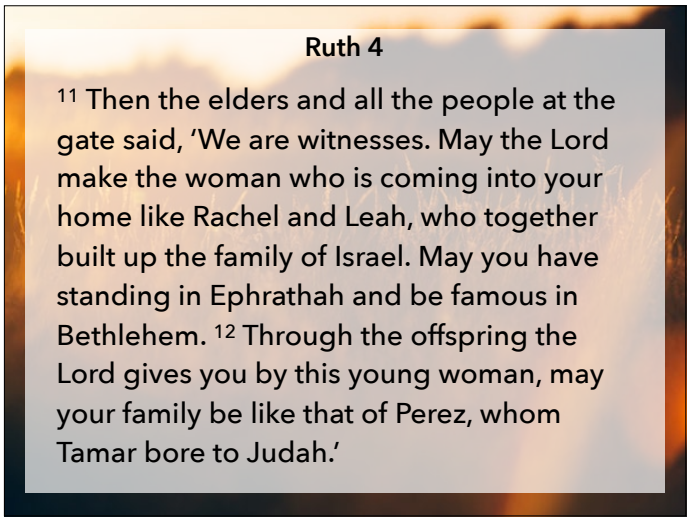


5 Then Boaz said, 'On the day you buy the land from Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the dead man's widow, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property.'
6 At this, the kinsman-redeemer said, 'Then I cannot redeem it because I might endanger my own estate. You redeem it yourself. I cannot do it.'



7 (Now in earlier times in Israel, for the redemption and transfer of property to become final, one party took off his sandal and gave it to the other. This was the method of legalising transactions in Israel.)

8 So the kinsman-redeemer said to Boaz, ‘Buy it yourself.’ And he removed his sandal.



11 Then the elders and all the people at the gate said, ‘We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the family of Israel. May you have standing in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem.
12 Through the offspring the Lord gives you by this young woman, may your family be like that of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah.’

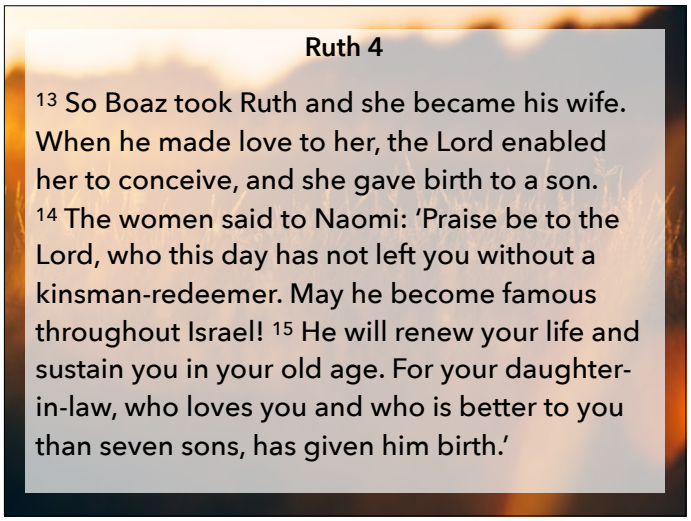


Kinsman – it had to be someone close to us.
Jesus had to become our kinsman redeemer. He couldn't just stay distant. There needed to be real cost. And real risk. And so his becoming man, makes him our kinsman.

**More than that he becomes our redeemer. He chooses to redeem us. **

Some thoughts coming out of the sermon will be how amazing it is that God would save us, the purpose and value and honour that it means to be restored. and the willingness of Jesus to be our redeemer.

Instead of trading a shoe.. he exchanged his life…



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 kinsman-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.'

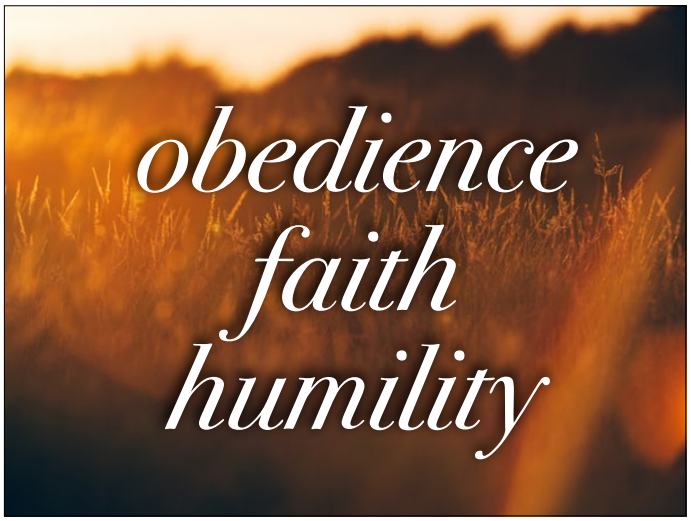
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she was a foreigner
she was alone



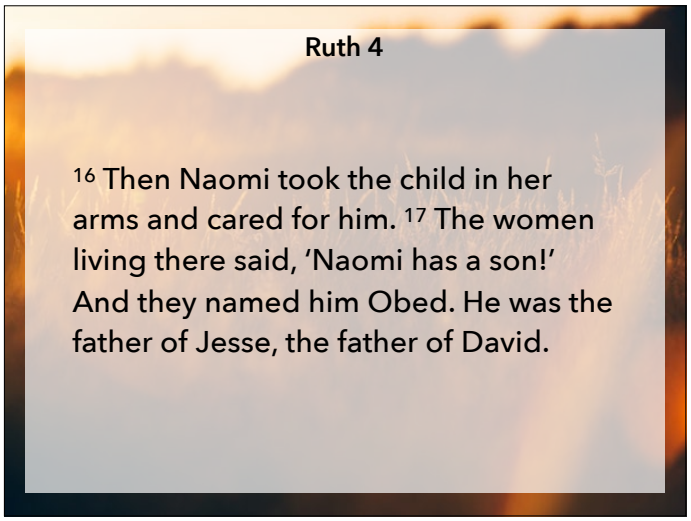
you know we want
we hope
we wish
we pray

but God's timing, and God's plans are different than ours. what if it's not to be.

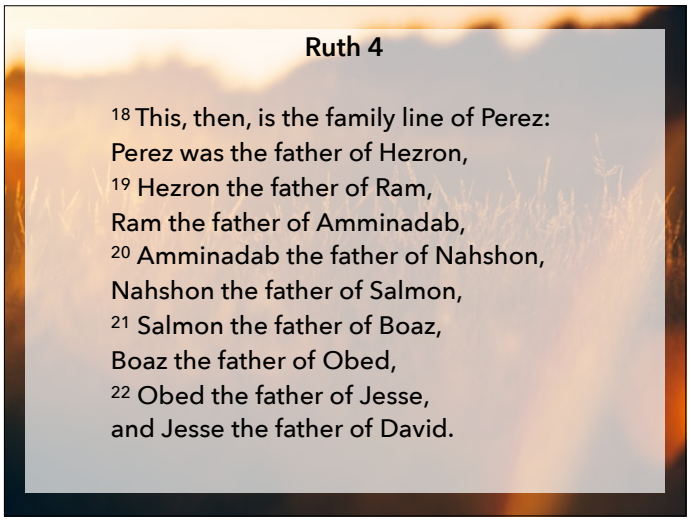
Ruth is amazing, because she doesn't keep pining about how she wishes something could happen.



it's not a guarantee that what YOU desire will come true.
But walking in
obedience to Christ
faith in Him
humility to God
means your life will have a different perspective.



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.



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.





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lets us understand how great our redeemer is.

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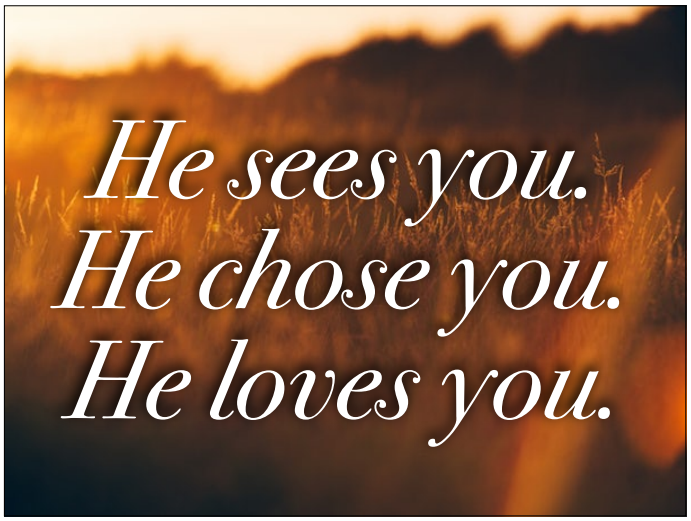
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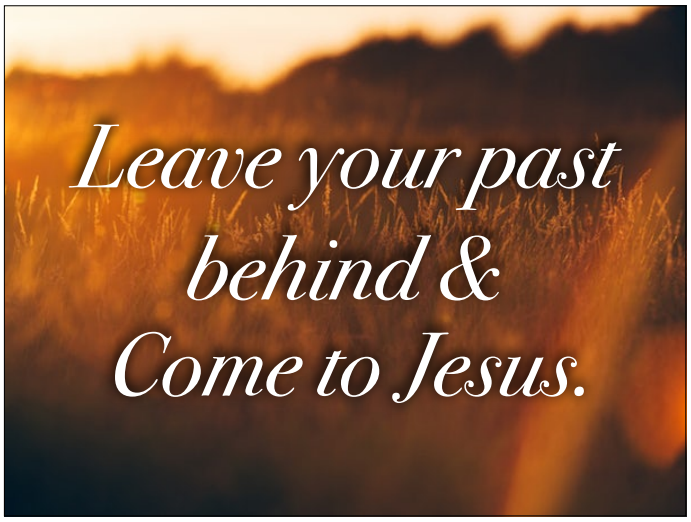
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Give Jesus your
Heart Today


Leave your past
behind &
Come to Jesus.