

## REDEMPTION AND HOPE

Ruth 3:1 – 4:22

Key verse 4:14

*“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!”*

1. What instructions did she give Ruth? (3:1-4) Why? What caused Naomi to think of such a plan? (2:20) What does Ruth's response show about her? (5-6) What was the meaning of her request? (9; ref. Lev 25:25-55; Ez 16:8) How was Ruth taking a risk? How were Ruth's actions intimate but pure and godly?
2. What things impressed Boaz about Ruth's character? (10-11; Pr 31:10) What complication/obstacle might occur pertaining to her request? (11-13) What did he promise? How did Boaz protect Ruth's reputation and show his concern for Naomi? (14-15) How did Naomi encourage Ruth? (16-18) How does hope in God inspire godly actions?
3. How did Boaz officially come to redeem Elimelek's property? (4:1-12) What blessing did the elders and the people pronounce on Boaz and Ruth? (11,12)
4. What blessing did God give Boaz and Ruth in their marriage? (13) What do you find in the women's blessing to Naomi? (14, 15) Think about why the women said, “Naomi has a son!” (16) How did this blessing have an impact in God's history? (18-22; Mt 1)
5. Describe the concept of the guardian-redeemer through the life of Boaz and the gospel. (Ga 3:13; Ti 2:14) What hope did you receive from the book of Ruth?