

Ruth
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Introduction:

- Ruth tells the story of a daughter in law(Ruth) and her mother in law (Naomi)
- Naomi loved and cared for Ruth
- Ruth loved Naomi and wanted to go wherever she went
- One of only two books that are named after women – Ruth and Esther
- Ruth is a love story
- Ruth is the great-grandmother of David
- One of four women mentioned in the genealogy of Christ – the other three – Tamar, Rahab and Bathsheba
- It is also the story of God’s grace and love in the middle of trying circumstances
- This story occurs in the time of the Judges – disobedience, idolatry, and violence

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Central Message: Kinsman Redeemer – Godly love

Outline:

- Decision – Love makes a choice – chapter 1
- Service – Love responds – chapter 2
- Rest – Love is secure – chapter 3
- Reward – Love is rewarded – chapter 4

I. Decision – Love makes a choice – chapter 1

- The characters of book of Ruth:
 - Elimelech – My God is King
 - Naomi – Pleasant – Merry Sunshine
 - Mahlon – Sickly
 - Chilon – Puny
 - Ruth – Beauty
 - Orpah – Athletic (deer or fawn)
- The places of the book of Ruth
 - Bethlehem – House of Bread
 - Judah – Praise
 - Moab – God’s garbage can

- Tragedy struck the family
- Moved to Moab
 - Elimelech died
 - Boys married Moabite women
 - Ruth – Mahlon
 - Orpah - Chilion
 - Boys died
- Naomi makes a decision – return to God
- Orpah makes a decision – reject God
- Ruth makes a decision – receive God

II. Service – Love Responds – Chapter 2

- Ruth and Naomi return to Bethlehem
- Ruth meets Boaz – gleans in his fields
- Boaz bestows blessings on Ruth
 - Food
 - Pleasant experience
 - Kindness
 - Stay in my field

III. Rest – Love is secure – Chapter 3

- Boaz assures Ruth that she will be redeemed
- Two Objectives in redemption
 - Protection of womanhood
 - Protection of the land rights

IV. Reward – Love is rewarded – Chapter 4

- Boaz redeems Ruth
 - Picture of Christ our Redeemer
- Boaz was ready to be a redeemer
- Boaz had the power to redeem
- Boaz had the authority to redeem
- Boaz had the price to give
- All points to Christ as our Redeemer