

Rescued from the Past
Rescued – Part 5
Life Church St. Louis – June 3, 2018
Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

Colossians 1:13-14 (NIV2011) For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Ruth 3:9b (ESV) And she answered, “I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer.”

1. Follow God’s rescue _____

1A. Prepare _____

Ruth 4:1-2 (ESV) Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the redeemer, of whom Boaz had spoken, came by. So Boaz said, “Turn aside, friend; sit down here.” And he turned aside and sat down. And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, “Sit down here.” So they sat down.

1B. _____ the plan

Ruth 4:3-4 (ESV) Then he said to the redeemer, “Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our relative Elimelech. So I thought I would tell you of it and say, ‘Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people.’ If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you will not, tell me, that I may know, for there is no one besides you to redeem it, and I come after you.” And he said, “I will redeem it.”

1C. Deal with _____

Ruth 4:5-6 (ESV) Then Boaz said, “The day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead, in order to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance.” Then the redeemer said, “I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it.”

2. _____ the plan

Ruth 4:7-8 (ESV) Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one drew off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was the manner of attesting in Israel. So when the redeemer said to Boaz, “Buy it for yourself,” he drew off his sandal.

Ruth 4:9 (ESV) Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, “You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and to Mahlon.

Ruth 4:10 (ESV) Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day.”

3. Receive God’s _____

Ruth 4:11 (ESV) Then all the people who were at the gate and the elders said, “We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you act worthily in Ephrathah and be renowned in Bethlehem,

Ruth 4:12 (ESV) and may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring that the LORD will give you by this young woman.”

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer.
 - Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun
 - Invite a friend for our series **Rescued – Book of Ruth** next Sunday.
 - How will I obey God’s Word this week? _____
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Rescued from the Past Study Guide

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Intro. How would you explain to an unbeliever how God rescues (Colossians 1:13-14)?

How does Boaz reflect God as a redeemer (Ruth 3:9b)?

Why is every believer to be a rescuer/redeemer (Proverbs 24:11-12)?

1A. How do you see Boaz' preparation and God's sovereignty in Ruth 4:1-2?

1B. What does Boaz' discussion with the redeemer tell you about his faith and character (Ruth 4:3-4)?

1C. What was the other redeemer's attitude toward Naomi and Ruth (Ruth 4:5-6)? Why?

1D. What are some ways that Boaz has shown hesed (love) in the story thus far?

1E. What are some ways that you could show God's love to those around you who are in various kinds of trouble?

2A. Why do you think that the Bible did not name the other redeemer (Ruth 4:7-8)?

2B. How did Boaz' redemption of the land help Naomi (Ruth 4:9)?

2C. What did Boaz' marriage to Ruth have to do with the family of Elimelech (Ruth 4:10)? What do you think were Boaz' motives?

2D. How should the truth that God has a plan for everyone's life impact your thoughts and actions towards others?

3A. What does the people's blessing of Ruth, the Moabite, tell you about her new status in Judah (Ruth 4:11)?

3B. In what ways was Tamar similar to Ruth (Ruth 4:12, Genesis 38)? In what ways was she different?

3C. How would you explain to someone that nothing in life is random (Proverbs 16:33)? How does God's sovereignty encourage you to help others?