

**Sermon:** 7 Life Lessons From the Book of Ruth  
**Series:** *Ruth: A Redemption Story*

**Scripture:** Ruth 4  
**Date:** May 9, 2021

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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1) What does this passage teach us about God?**

a) In Ruth 4 where do you see God at work in guiding, redeeming, restoring Ruth/Naomi/Israel?

**2) What does this passage teach us about us?**

a) In the sermon we listed 7 life lessons. Which stands out to you/inspires you/challenges you?

- Never forget the great cost of your redemption.
- Embrace the salvation of your redeemer.
- Connect your life's story to God's redemption story.
- You can move beyond your curse with the courage of Christ.
- You can live a life of kindness.
- Keep trusting the unseen hand of God.
- Find hope in God's restoration of all things.

**3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

a) Think about baby Obed in Ruth 4. How is he a pointer to Christ? (note: the name "Obed" means servant).

b) How does the ending of Ruth point to the return of Christ to rule and restore all things. (see Acts 3:21; Matthew 19:28-30)

**APPLICATION**

a) Read Revelation 21:1-5. Your future with Christ is described here as "all things new." But you are already the "new creation" (2 Cor. 5:17). What is a way that you could start living today as you will live in your eternal future? How might you start treating someone today as you will in your eternal future?

**FIGHTER VERSES: Galatians 4:4-7.**

**PRAYER**

- Praise God for his kindness in your life, especially in Christ and the cross.
- Repent of any ways you are failing to live today as you will in your future with Jesus.
- Ask God to give you the courage to move beyond any "curses" of fear and doubt that you face.
- Thank God for the costly redemption he achieved for you in the work of Christ on the cross.