

The Best is yet to come! Avoid the wrong ending, be redeemed by Christ!
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Ruth 4: 1-12

Summary: As Christians we often talk or sing about being ‘redeemed’. What does that mean? Are we nothing more than game tickets turned in for a cheap prize? Even worse, is Christ just a token exchange for us? We will allow the Old Testament story of Ruth to show us the power of redemption and how we too can avoid a hopeless wrong ending if place our faith in Christ, daily.

Pre-sermon “warm-up”

Read Ruth 4:1-12 and pray...What does God want you to take away from this passage?

1. In these uncertain times, what is one thing that we know for sure?
2. What good (from yourself or others) have you seen rise up to the surface in the past 3 weeks? How have you seen God at work?

Sermon

1. God always has a plan for our REDEMPTION! vv. 1-2
 - What does it mean to be redeemed by Christ? (don’t over think this-could be as easy as a 3-word answer).
 - Josh used Exodus 6:6 (take a moment to read it) as an example of when God redeemed His people. What other examples (both OT and NT) can you think of in scripture? Make a list.....
 - How did Boaz’s actions show INTEGRITY? As God to show you where you need to work on INTEGRITY in your own life? Act on this quickly and appropriately!
 - “Delayed obedience is disobedience!” True? What does that look like in your life?
2. Not all things that promise to SAVE you will save you. vv. 3-4
 - How has “the world” promised to “save you”, or “change your life forever” that have not?
3. Redemption comes with a PRICE. vv. 5-8
 - Redemption isn’t free! What was the price of your redemption? Thank God for that!
4. The redeemer is to build the HOUSE of God. vv. 9-12
 - How has God used your redemption to build His house? What is your part in building God’s house?

Several times in the book of Ruth these 3 words are used: “Do not fear!” How appropriate for RIGHT NOW. Read John 14:27. What does Jesus, himself, say about fear and peace. How and where do you need to apply that right now? Fear and doubt are 1st cousins and they come from the evil one. Pray against fear. Pray against doubt. Pray for His peace to over-whelm your heart and soul. If you have asked Jesus to be your Lord and Savior...you HAVE been redeemed! Bask in that thought and truth. Thank God, today, for His redeeming work in your life.