

“Ruth 4”



OPEN IT

- Looking back over your life, can you think of a situation that didn't make sense at the time but later became one of God's greatest blessings?
- When you're facing uncertainty, what is your natural tendency: to trust God, try to control the situation yourself, or simply wait and hope? Why?

Read It:

- Ruth 4:1-17
- Ruth 4:21-22
- Matthew 1:5-6
- Matthew 1:16-17
- Psalm 77:11-12
- Isaiah 50:10

EXPLORE IT

- In Ruth 4:1-10, what qualities do you see in Boaz that make him an effective kinsman-redeemer? How does his willingness to pay the cost point us toward Jesus?
- The unnamed redeemer in Ruth 4:5-6 was willing to acquire land but unwilling to sacrifice for people. What does this reveal about selfishness versus biblical redemption?
- Read Ruth 4:11-17. How do the blessings spoken over Ruth and Boaz reveal that God was accomplishing something much bigger than they could have imagined?

- Why do you think the book of Ruth ends with a genealogy in Ruth 4:21-22 instead of simply ending with Obed's birth? What does this teach us about God's long-term purposes?
- Read Matthew 1:5-6 and Matthew 1:16-17. Why is it significant that Ruth—a Moabite outsider—is included in the genealogy of Jesus? What does this tell us about God's grace and redemption?
- In Psalm 77:11-12, the psalmist intentionally remembers God's past works. Why is remembering God's faithfulness an important spiritual discipline? How does remembering strengthen our faith for present challenges?
- Isaiah 50:10 calls believers to trust God even when walking in darkness. What does trusting God practically look like when you don't yet understand what He is doing?
- Looking back over the entire story of Ruth, where can you now see God's providence at work even during the painful chapters? What lessons can we learn about God's timing?
- The message stated, "We rarely recognize providence while we're living it." Which of today's Scriptures most supports that idea? Why?
- If someone asked you how the book of Ruth teaches God's providence, what key truths from these passages would you share?

DO IT:

- **Practice remembrance.** Spend time this week writing down three to five specific ways you've seen God's faithfulness in your life. Thank Him for each one in prayer.
- **Read your life backwards.** Reflect on a difficult season that God eventually used for good. Ask Him to increase your trust for the situations you're facing today.
- **Trust before understanding.** Identify one area where you've been waiting for answers. Pray daily through Isaiah 50:10, asking God to help you rely on Him even without clarity.
- **Become an instrument of God's providence.** Like Boaz, intentionally show kindness or practical care to someone who may be vulnerable, discouraged, or in need this week.
- **Share your story.** Tell someone—a family member, friend, or fellow believer—about a time God proved faithful in your life. Your testimony may encourage someone who is currently living through their own "chapter one."