

Ruth  
"God's Names in Ruth" Deaf Church  
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1. Introduction

- a. Ruth 4:14 kinsman redeemer
  - kinfolk = blood relatives
  - redeemer: ancient practice in land ownership to keep land in the family by marrying family's brother's widow
- b. Applied sense to Jesus in prophecy
  - Jesus born into this world to redeem His people from their sin
  - In 1:11 He came to His own [people] but His own didn't receive Him
- c. Law of kinsman redeeming the land (Lev 25:23-27)
- d. Theme of book of Ruth: story of love & redemption
  - redemption: to buy back
  - Lev 25:47-54 buying relative out of slavery

2. Lord Almighty can do all things

- a. Backstory sets the scene (Ruth 1:1-5)
  - famine in Israel
  - Elimelech & wife Naomi go to Moab with their 2 sons
  - Naomi's husband dies
  - 2 sons take Moabite wives
  - 2 sons die without children
- b. Naomi decides to return to Israel
  - Ruth 1:6-9
  - Her 2 daughter in laws follow her
  - She asks them to return home
- c. Naomi has no more other sons for them to marry
- d. Back & forth between the women
  - Ruth 1:10-14

2 e. God permitted men in Naomi's family to all die in Moab  
- 3 widow women left alone  
- Naomi's sorrow, "Call me Mara ("bitter")", afflictions (1:20)

3. Lord is Lord God of Israel  
a. Lord God is with His people  
- He is trustworthy  
- He blesses His people  
b. Ruth chooses Naomi (1:16)  
- "your people shall be ~~to~~ my people, & your God, my God"  
c. Naomi returns to Bethlehem with her daughter in law Ruth  
d. Boaz is relative of Naomi's dead husband Elimelech (2:1, 3-4)  
e. Ruth goes gleaning (picking up leftovers) in harvest in field of grain  
- happens to be farm of Boaz  
- gleaning way for poor people to work for grain  
- Ruth goes out to glean grain with Naomi's permission  
- Ruth recognized as caring for Naomi  
- She continued in same farm for entire harvest season (2:7-13)  
\* with Boaz permission  
\* with Naomi's guidance  
f. God's care for Ruth  
- God brought Ruth to Boaz notice  
- (Ruth 2:14-17)  
- Boaz even instructed his workers to purposely let extra fall down

4. Naomi plans future for Ruth  
a. Ruth 3:1-18  
b. Naomi tells Ruth about exercising custom of land redemption & her future (Boaz unmarried)

5. Boaz exercises his right of kinsman redeemer (Ruth 4:1-13)  
a. Legal requirements (Ruth 4:3-6)  
b. Boaz exercises his rights to buy (Ruth 4:9-13)