

The Book of Ruth

A Portrait of God's Loyal Love and Sovereign Redemption

- I. The Pain of Covenant Faithlessness in 1:1 -5.
- II. The Pity of God in 1:6 -22.
- III. The Providential Provision of God in 2:1 -23.
- IV. The Pursuit of Redemption in 3:1 -18.
- V. The Purchase of Redemption in 4:1 -12.

A. Four Characteristics of True Love Displayed in Boaz, Perfected in Christ, Imitated by Christians.

1 John 4:10; John 3:16; Romans 5:8; Philippians 2:5 -8
No "_____."

- 1. True love takes action in Ruth 4:1 -4.
- 2. True love is willing to pay the price in Ruth 4:5 -6.
- 3. True love is willing to be _____ in Ruth 4:7 -10.
- 4. True love receives God's _____ in Ruth 4:11 -12.

Principle: Redemption is _____ to the Redeemer!
2 Corinthians 8:9; 5:18; Luke 14:25 -33

Jesus purchased redemption and eternal life for us at
great cost. Now...what is it costing you to follow Him?
Luke 9:23 -26

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your
might, for there is no activity or planning or
knowledge or wisdom in Sheol where you are going."
Ecclesiastes 9:10

= _____ is the time to do what must be done!

The great problem is _____:

- a. Nothing ever gets _____.
- b. Nothing ever gets done _____.

“The one who settles for mediocrity often tells himself, ‘I can put it off until tomorrow. There is plenty of time.’ But he thinks arrogantly; he does not know the future. He doesn’t even know whether there will be a tomorrow for him. He makes excuses for himself: ‘I’m too tired to do anything today,’ ‘I’m just not in the mood to get to it.’” But tomorrow never comes.” Jay Adams in “Committed to Craftsmanship”

Jesus always did all things _____. **Matthew 12:18; John 13:1; Ephesians 5:1-2**

Impediments to Excellence: (**Ruth 3:11; 2:1**)

1. Laziness - “All day long the sluggard craves for more, but his hands refuse to work.” **Proverbs 21:25-26**
2. Worldliness; Love of Comfort; Procrastination; Lack of self-discipline or self-control; excuses; blame-shifting.
3. Dreaming too big - “I do not concern myself with great matters, or with things too wonderful for me.” **Ps. 131**

Any miner will tell you that mining is hard work; the digging is long and tiresome, but the rewards can be great. **Philippians 2:12**

“In all you do, do it all for the glory of God.” **1 Corinthians 10:31**

- A. Look to Jesus as the shining example of One who knew the great costs, yet did all things well. **Hebrews 12:2**
- B. Consider the impediments to you “doing all things well,” and work to eliminate them. **Hebrews 12:1; 11; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Colossians 3:5**
- C. Chart your course daily, for “doing all things well.” Live your life for Christ with intention and purpose.

Ruth 4:7-12

The Pursuit of Excellence in the
Purchase of Redemption

TRUE LOVE

John 3:16; 1 John 4:10 Romans 5:8;

Philippians 2:5-8

No “sloppy agape”

2 Corinthians 8:9

Redemption is *costly* to the Redeemer!

Luke 14:25-33; 9:23-26

ECCLESIASTES 9:10

Now is the time to do what must
be done!

The Great Problem

Mediocrity.

Nothing gets *done*;

Nothing gets done *excellently.*

Matthew 12:18

Jesus always did all things *well*.

John 13:1; Ephesians 5:1-2

Ruth 3:11 and 2:1

Boaz and Ruth are described as
“people of excellence; high quality;
doing all things well.”

Book of Ruth follows the Proverbs 31 woman.

Path to Excellence

1 Timothy 4:15 “Evident Progress”

Proverbs 22:29 “Skillful Proficiency”

2 Cor. 3:5-6 “Godly Sufficiency”

Romans 15:14 “Competency”

EZRA 7:6

“This Ezra went up from Babylon, and he was a scribe skilled (“mahir”) in the Law of Moses, and the king granted him all he requested because the hand of the LORD his God was upon him.”

EZRA 7:10

“For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the LORD and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel.”

Impediments to Excellence

Laziness – Proverbs 21:25-26

Dreaming too big – Psalm 131

Worldliness, love of comfort,
procrastination, lack of self-discipline or self-
control, excuses, blame-shifting.

Be A Person of Excellence

A. Look to Jesus

B. Eliminate your impediments

C. Chart a daily course for excellence