



Quiet Time

April 7-13, 2024

Ruth 4:14 (ESV)

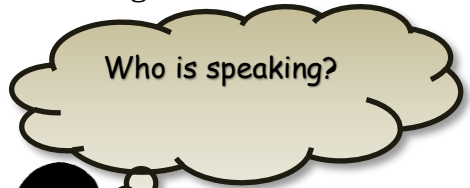
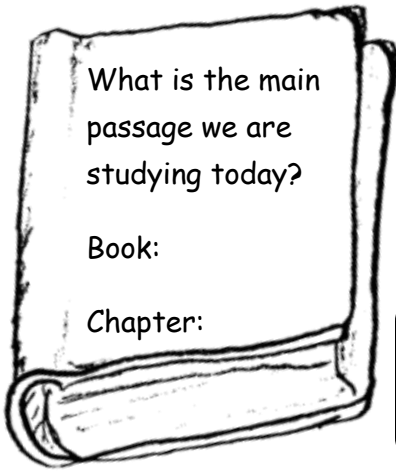
Then the women said to Naomi,
"Blessed be the LORD,
who has not left you this day without a redeemer,
and may his name be renowned in Israel!"

God's
Sovereignty
in Ruth



Sermon notes

As you attend church service with your family, use these next two pages to help you listen and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God, praying, and listening to God's Word being read and taught.



Title of Sermon:

What is the Big Idea of the passage?



Which song from today's service is your favorite and why?

Worshiping God in Prayer

Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2



Prayer was a regular part of Jesus' life and ministry.

Read these verses talking about the importance of prayer in Jesus' life.

Luke 5:16 ^(ESV) – But he would withdraw to _____ places and pray.

Mark 6:46 ^(ESV) – And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the _____ to pray.

Luke 6:12 ^(ESV) – In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all _____ he continued in prayer to God.

Mark 1:35 ^(ESV) – And rising very _____ in the _____, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.

Why did Jesus say prayer was so important?

Matthew 26:41 ^(ESV) – Watch and pray that you may not enter into _____.

What did Jesus tell His disciples to pray for?

Luke 6:28 ^(ESV) – Bless those who curse you, pray for those who _____ you.

Luke 10:2 ^(ESV) – And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out _____ into his harvest.

Look up these verses and write down what else we are to pray for:

3 John 2: _____

James 5:16: _____

Colossians 1:9: _____

1 Timothy 2:1-2: _____



Words you heard but don't know...

What are we learning about God from this passage?

Write or draw something that you heard in the sermon today.

Fill in the blanks below during the service, and then talk to your parents about them on the way home.

I heard _____
but was confused or had a hard time believing it.

Hearing and believing this about God is... _____

_____ ...changes the way I...

From Sunday School to Sermon

Luke 4:16–21 ^(ESV) —¹⁶ And he came to _____ ... and as was his custom, he went to the _____ on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet _____ was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has _____ me to proclaim _____ to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim _____ to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s _____.”

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been _____ in your hearing.”

Boaz was the Kinsmen Redeemer who set Naomi free from her childless family, saving her family from extinction, and Jesus came to be the Kinsmen Redeemer of Eve to save her family from extinction spiritually.

Jesus was saying the Seed of the woman had arrived (*Genesis 3:15*). He is that promised Seed of the woman! What question were the people asking because of Jesus’ claim (*Lu 4:22*)?

“Is not this _____?”

Those who listened to Jesus’ teachings and followed Him would be set free from their sin and receive the blessing of God’s favor. What favor did Boaz say Ruth would receive from following God (*Ruth 2:12*)?

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God's Sovereignty in Ruth - Monday

- Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: *Deuteronomy 28:15, 23-24, 45; 30:1-3; Ruth 1:1-14*

This story takes place during the time of the Judges, when everyone did what was right in their own eyes (*Judges 21:25*). Even though Elimelech's name means, God is King, he did not live as if God was his king. There was a famine in the land of Israel, which means there wasn't enough food for everyone. *Deuteronomy 28:15, 23-24, and 45*, shows the reason for this famine. What was the reason for the famine?

- God was not really sovereign king.
- Israel forgot how to grow food.
- Israel was not serving God as King.

In *Deuteronomy 30:1-3*, God told Israel how they could have His blessing of food instead of famine again. What should Elimelech do?

- Go to Purdue University to learn how to be a better farmer.
- Go to Moab where there was plenty of food and idol worship.
- Return to live in obedience under God's rule as king.

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As a result, life only grew more difficult for Elimelech and his family. He and his sons died after living in Moab for _____ years (*v 4*). Why did Naomi decide to go back to the land of Judah (*vv 6-7*)?

- She was tired of all the Moabite idolatry.
- She wanted to obey God as King.
- God was giving food to His people in the Promised Land.

Application:

Elimelech and his family did not see that God had sent the famine to show them their sin. Instead, they continued to disobey God by going to Moab. How do you respond when something doesn't go as you like?

- Think and act in anger
- Think you have been treated unfairly and pout
- Ask God to help you please Him in how you think and act

Complete your Prayer Journal for today, and pray about it.

God's Sovereignty in Ruth - Tuesday

- Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: Ruth 1:15-22

Naomi told Orpah and Ruth to go back to their **p**_____ and their **g**_____ (v 15). Orpah returned to Moab to live as a Moabite, but Ruth refused to return to Moab. Instead, Ruth said, "For where you **g**__ I will **g**__, and where you **l**_____ I will **l**_____. Your **p**_____ shall be my **p**_____, and your **G**_____ my **G**_____." What is the only thing that she said would separate her from Naomi (v 17)? _____

As Ruth and Naomi return to Bethlehem, Naomi tells the people to call her Mara, meaning bitter, instead of Naomi, meaning pleasant. Why (v 21)? She said that the **LORD** _____

Application:

Naomi returns to the Promised Land, but she hasn't returned to serve God as King in her mind yet. She is angry at God for causing such pain in her life. But as we looked at yesterday, her family's sin was the reason for the pain. On the other hand, Ruth did not grow up knowing the ways of the LORD, and yet she sees that God is worthy of her worship.

Who are you like the most:

Naomi, who lives life the way she wants to and then gets angry with God, or others, for all of her troubles,

OR

Ruth, who sees that her way of living is not right and repents of doing things her own way to follow God as King?

Naomi Ruth

God is faithful to us. We should pray and ask God to make us faithful to Him, because without His help, we'll serve ourselves rather than Him.

Complete your Prayer Journal for today, and pray about it.

God's Sovereignty in Ruth – Wednesday

- Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: *Ruth 2:1-14*

So, we've seen Elimelech and Naomi, who were much like the rest of Israel in the days of the Judges, doing what is right in their own eyes. Now, we meet Boaz, a man that God has kept apart from the rest of Israel. What did Boaz say to his servants when he returned from Bethlehem (v 4)? _____

How did the servants reply (v 4)? _____

Notice that this name for God is in all capital letters. This is a special name for God that is always used to show that God is faithful to His promises to His people. Does Naomi think that God is faithful to her? _____

Do you think Boaz thinks that God wants to hurt His people or bless His people (vv 4, 12)? _____

Why is Boaz letting Ruth and others glean, or pick up the leftover grain in the fields (*Leviticus 19:9-10; 23:22 and Deuteronomy 24:19-22*)?

- GOD commanded Boaz to do this.
- It reminds Boaz of God's faithful care.
- GOD is Boaz's King.
- a, b and c

Application:

Boaz knows God's laws, points others to worship God, and reflects God's love for people. Boaz is NOT like everyone else in Israel. He wants to do things God's way.

Can this be said of you, too? As you look around at your friends and classmates, you'll see a lot of kids who listen and obey their parents when they want to, or listen and obey God when they want to, but they don't really want God to be their king.

Will you be like everyone else, or will you be like Boaz, who knew and loved God, encouraged others to know and love God, and loved others like God? _____

Complete your Prayer Journal for today, and pray about it.

God's Sovereignty in Ruth - Thursday

- Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: *Ruth 3:1-5, 10-12*

This part of the story sounds strange! In Israel, it was understood that Ruth was asking Boaz to “redeem” her. This means, she wanted him to claim his right to marry her. According to Israel’s law, when a man died, his relative had the right to marry the widow. This way, the widow was taken care of, and the widow could have children to raise, in honor of her former husband. This was God’s faithful, loving, and sovereign plan for taking care of childless widows.

Was Naomi depending upon God or her own plans in order to have rest and security (v 1)? _____

Did Boaz think that Naomi or God would provide rest and blessing for Ruth (v 10)? _____

Naomi may have been seeking to do the right thing, but she was doing it for the wrong reasons. She was making her own plans to find rest and security, as if God would have to bless her if she followed His plans. However, Boaz knew that this was not only the right thing to do but that there was a right and wrong way to do it, as well.

Boaz did not trust his plan, but followed God’s plan for redemption and gave God the glory for giving rest and security to Ruth through him. Boaz knew God’s law and he wanted to follow God’s ways, and he encouraged Ruth to follow God’s ways, as well.

Application:

We can be just like Naomi by going to church, praying, and reading our Bibles for the wrong reasons, as if God has to make our lives easier when we do these things.

Do you do these things so that God will bless you and to please your parents, OR do you do these things because you love God and want to serve Him? _____

Complete your Prayer Journal for today, and pray about it.

God's Sovereignty in Ruth – Friday

- Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: *Ruth 4:1-12; Deuteronomy 25:5-10*

Yesterday, we saw that Boaz wanted to redeem Ruth and Naomi based upon God's laws. However, one other man was a closer relative than Boaz. This meant he had the right to redeem Naomi first.

What was the other man's first response to Boaz's request (v 4)?

What was the man's response after Boaz explained the whole law of God that said the man also had to marry Ruth and give all of her land to her son (v 6)? _____

Boaz knew that the man would want the land, but the man didn't know that he'd also have to care for Naomi and Ruth. That would mean the land wouldn't actually be his. He was following the law only if it would give him more stuff and not out of a love for God's ways.

The people watching all of this gave a blessing to Ruth that was God's blessing to Jacob and his wives, Rachel and Leah (the mothers of the twelve tribes of Israel), and to Judah. Was Ruth an Israelite or Moabite (v 10)?

_____ Was Ruth born into a family that worshiped the LORD, or a family that worshiped idols? _____ Why would these people think that God would bless Ruth, like Rachel, Leah and Judah?

- Because Boaz had redeemed her.
- Because Ruth left her family and gods to follow God.
- Because God is sovereign and gracious.
- a, b and c

Application:

The Bible says that we are like Ruth when we're born. We are enemies of God, worship things other than Him, and we deserve His punishment. But Jesus, like Boaz, made a sacrifice to redeem us, to make us a part of His family so that we can receive God's blessing instead of God's curse. Ruth realized that only God through Boaz could take care of her needs, and she put her faith in God. Your greatest need is to be made clean from your sins and only God, through Jesus, can do that for you. Are you trusting in God alone to meet this need? _____

Complete your Prayer Journal for today, and pray about it.

God's Sovereignty in Ruth – Saturday

- Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: Ruth 4:13-17; Matthew 1:1, 5-6, 16

Who gave a son to Boaz and Ruth (v 13)? _____

Who blessed Naomi by providing a redeemer (v 14)? _____

What two great leaders (kings) of Israel were born into Naomi's family as a result of the marriage between Boaz and Ruth (v 17; Mt. 1:1)?

King D _____ and King J _____

At the beginning of this story, Naomi was married to Elimelech, who's name means "God is my King". Now, at the end of the story, she has a grandson named Obed, which means "servant of the LORD". God always was the King in this story. He always was in control of what happened, even though Naomi (pleasant) became Mara (bitter) when He didn't do things the way SHE wanted Him to do them. However, through Boaz and Ruth, Naomi learned to be His humble servant. She left Israel empty and returned full because of the faithful care and loving grace of God in her life.

Application:

This is a lesson better learned now rather than later in your life. Don't just say, "God is my King," with your lips. Humbly SERVE God as your King. Trust in His faithful care and loving grace no matter what happens in your life. He causes all things in your life in order to make your empty life full in Jesus Christ.

Complete these verses to see why God causes hard times in your life.

Romans 8:28-29 (ESV) – "28 And we _____ that for those who _____ work together for _____, for those who are _____ according to his _____.²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be _____ to the _____ of his _____, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers."

Why does God cause hard times in your life? He does so to conform you to Jesus Christ, to be Christlike, or godly. Are you becoming christlike?

Complete your Prayer Journal for today, and pray about it.

Prayer Journal

Honor God with your praises and respect
Examine your life for sin and confess it to God
Ask God to supply for your personal needs
Request God's help for the needs of others
Thank God for blessing you every day

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Prayer Journal *...continued*

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Gray Road Baptist Church, Children's Ministries

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THE PRAISE FACTORY

Come join us on Wednesday nights in the gym!

7:00-8:30 p.m.

UNIT #4: The LORD is an awesome God.

Unit #4: Can anybody tell what the LORD is like?

Unit #4 Answer: He's not like anyone else.

Unit #4 Verse: *1 Kings 8:23*

Big Idea #14: The LORD is a glorious Spirit.

Big Idea #14 Verse: *John 4:23-24*

Big Idea #15: The LORD is the only true God.

Big Idea #15 Verse: *Psalm 86:8-10*

Big Idea #16: The LORD is everywhere all the time.

Big Idea #16 Verse: *Psalm 139:7-10*

Big Idea #17: The LORD knows everything there is to know.

Big Idea #17 Verse: *Daniel 2:20-22*

Big Idea #18: The LORD is one God, yet three persons.

Big Idea #18 Verse: *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Big Idea #19: The LORD is holy.

Big Idea #19 Verse: *Isaiah 6:1-3*

Big Idea #20: The LORD is omnipotent.

Big Idea #20 Verse: *Psalm 135:5-6*

Big Idea #21: The LORD is faithful.

Big Idea #21 Verse: *Psalm 145:13*

Big Idea #22: The LORD's names tell us about Him.

Big Idea #22 Verse: *Deuteronomy 32:3-4*

UNIT #5: God, the Good Creator.

Unit #5: Can anybody tell what the LORD is like?

Unit #5 Answer: God made all things good.

Unit #5 Verse: *Genesis 1:31* — *And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.*

Big Idea #23: God created all things good in the beginning.

Big Idea #23 Verse: *Nehemiah 9:6*

You are the Lord, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.