











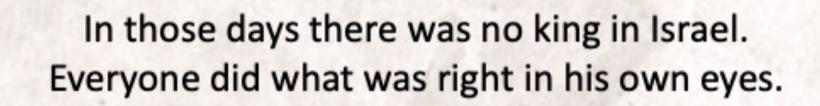
Leading Generations Into A Life-Changing Relationship With Josus Christ.

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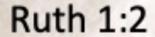


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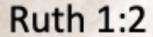
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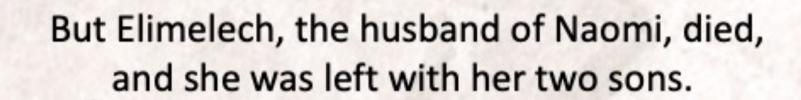


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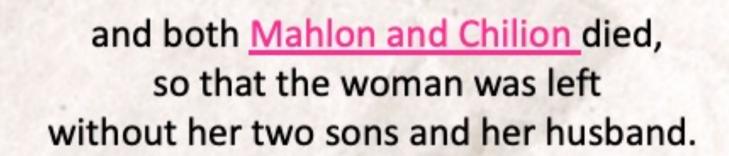


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These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years,



#1 THE RETURN (Moab to Bethlehem)

Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had visited his people and given them food.

But Naomi said,
"Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me?
Have I yet sons in my womb
that they may become your husbands?

"See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."



But Ruth said,

"Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge.

Your people shall be my people, and your God my God."

So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

And when they came to Bethlehem,
the whole town was stirred because of them.

And the women said, "Is this Naomi?"

She said to them,
"Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara,
for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.

So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab.

And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.



#1 THE RETURN (Moab to Bethlehem)

#2 THE REFUGE (The Field of Boaz)

Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz.

And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi,

"Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain
after him in whose sight I shall find favor."

And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."

"And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, nor shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God."

Leviticus 23:22

So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech.



Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?"

She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.'
So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest."

Let your eyes be on the field that they are reaping, and go after them.

Have I not charged the young men not to touch you?

And when you are thirsty,
go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn."

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Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"

But Boaz answered her,

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When she rose to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her.

And also pull out some from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean, and do not rebuke her."



So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, "The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz."

Ruth 2:19b



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Ruth 2:20b

which required a brother of a deceased man to marry his widow and raise up a son to his name

(Deuteronomy 25:5-10)

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Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, should I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you?

Is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you were? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor.



Wash therefore and anoint yourself, and put on your cloak and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.



But when he lies down, observe the place where he lies.

Then go and uncover his feet and lie down,

and he will tell you what to do."



At midnight the man was startled and turned over, and behold, a woman lay at his feet!

He said, "Who are you?"
And she answered, "I am Ruth, your servant.

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Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer."





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And now, my daughter, do not fear.

I will do for you all that you ask,

for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman.





And now it is true that I am a redeemer.

Yet there is a redeemer nearer than I.

Remain tonight, and in the morning, if he will redeem you, good; let him do it.
But if he is not willing to redeem you, then, as the Lord lives, I will redeem you.

Lie down until the morning."

#4 THE REDEMPTION (The City Gate)

Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there.

And behold, the redeemer, of whom Boaz had spoken, came by.

So Boaz said, "Turn aside, friend; sit down here."

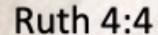
And he turned aside and sat down.

And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down.

Then he said to the redeemer,
"Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling
the parcel of land that belonged to our relative Elimelech.

So I thought I would tell you of it and say,
'Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence
of the elders of my people.' If you will redeem it, redeem it.
But if you will not, tell me, that I may know, for there is no one
besides you to redeem it, and I come after you."

And he said, "I will redeem it."



Then Boaz said,

"The day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi,
you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead,
in order to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance."

Then the redeemer said,

"I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance.

Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it."

Ruth 4:6

Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and to Mahlon.

Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife,

to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day."

So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife.

And he went in to her, and the Lord gave her conception, and she bore a son.



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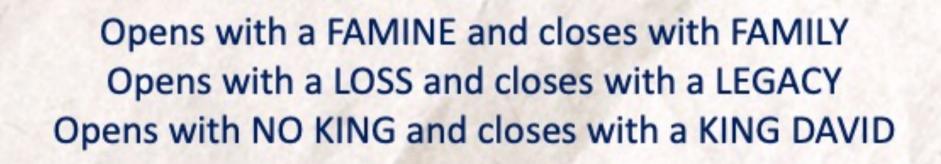
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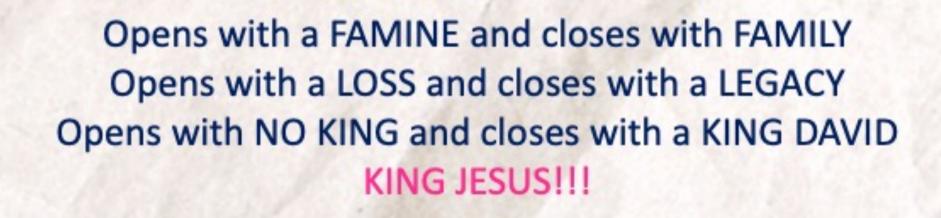


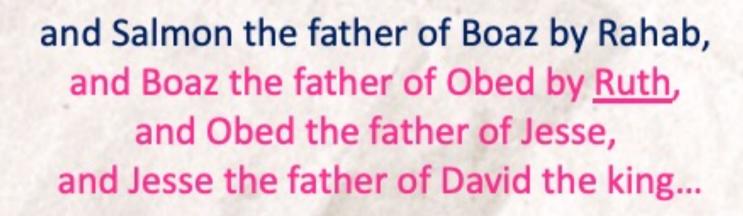
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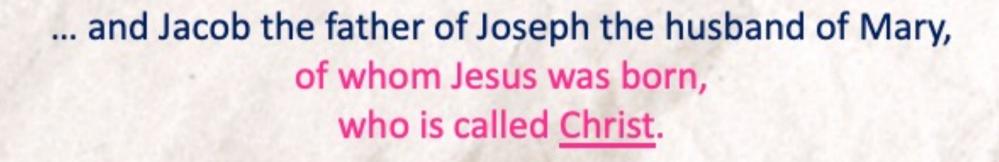








Matthew 1:5



Matthew 1:16













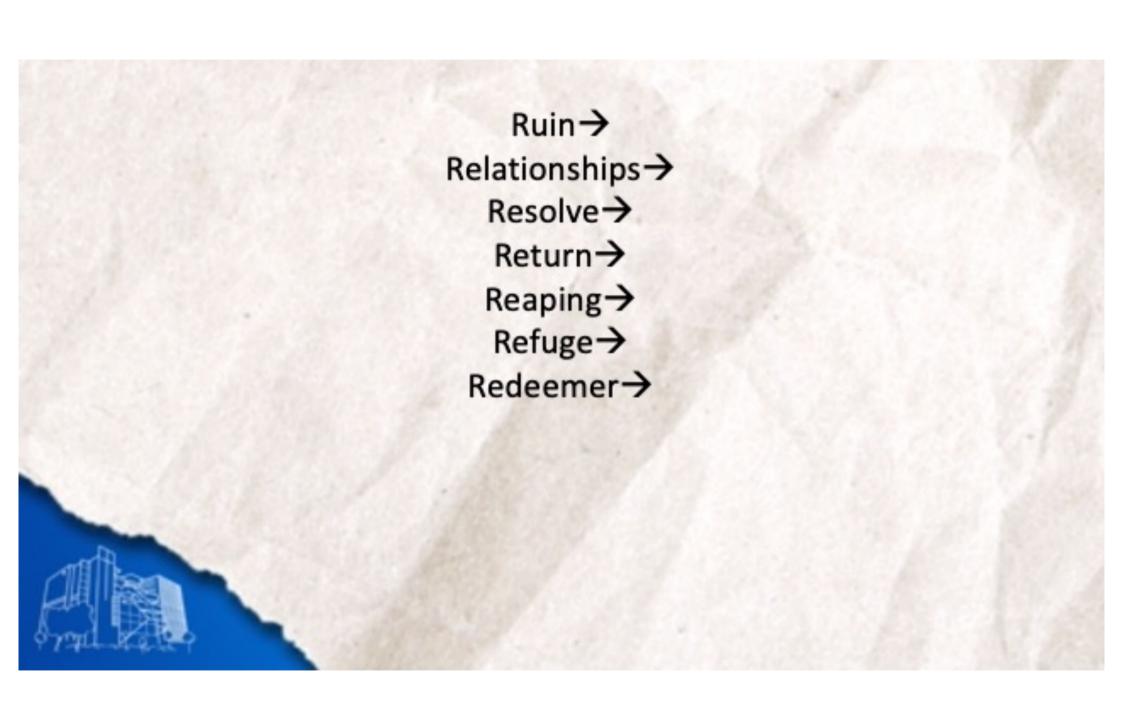


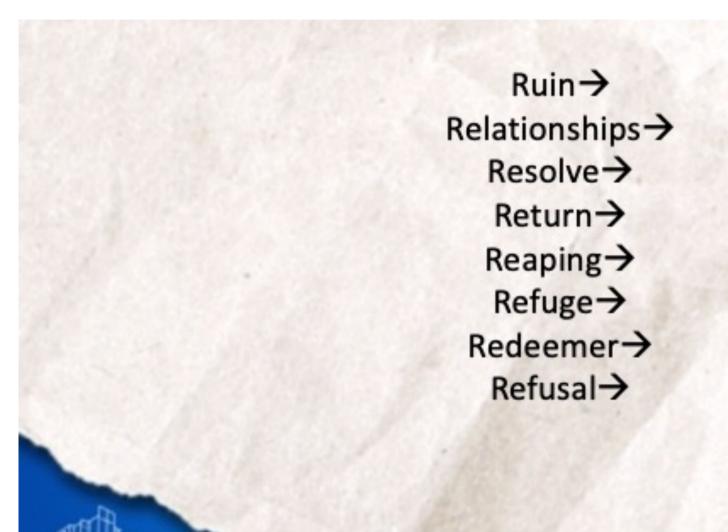




















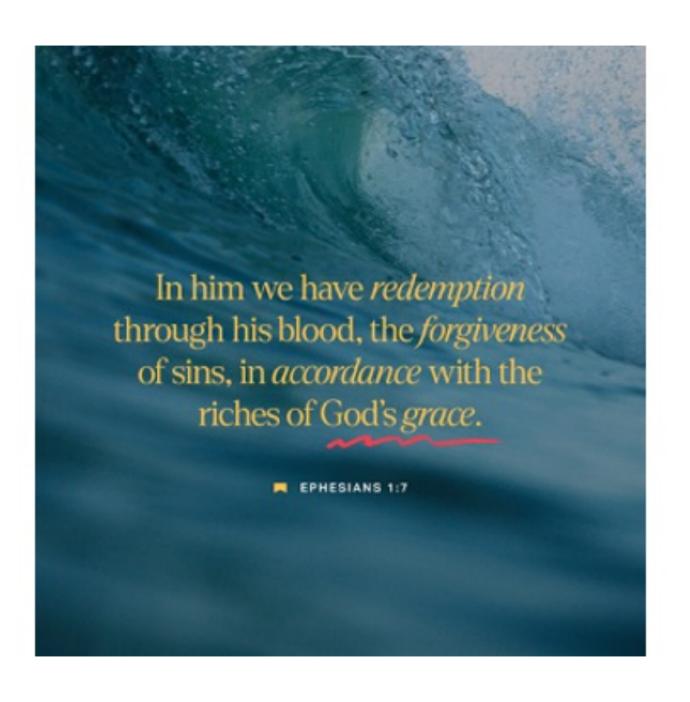






"Ruth, a foreigner and outsider, found grace in Boaz's field. We, too, find grace when we come to Christ, the true Redeemer."

Sinclair Ferguson







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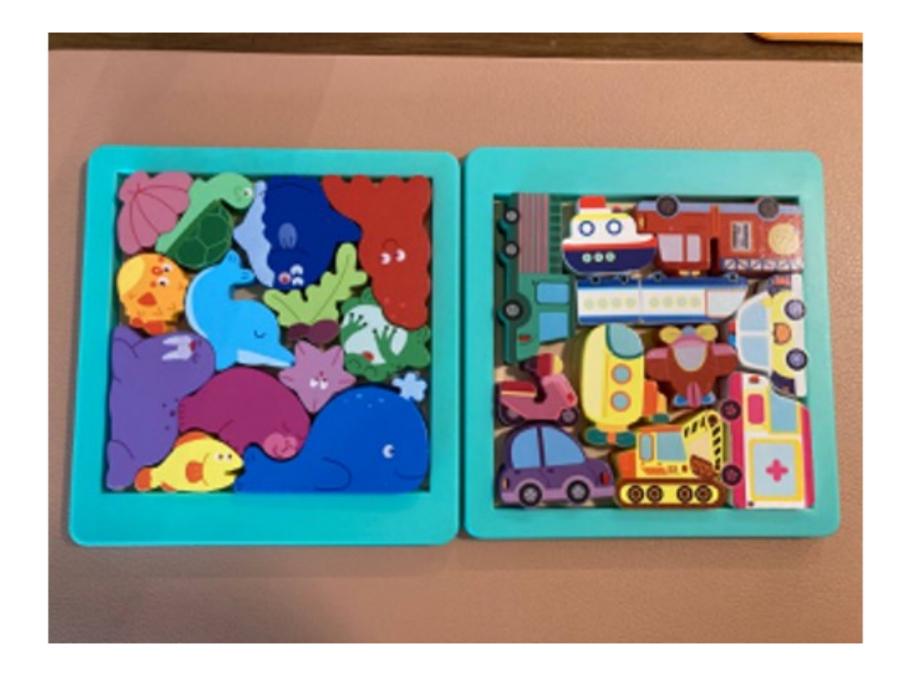
our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,
who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness
and to purify for himself a people for his own possession
who are zealous for good works.

Titus 2:13-14





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