



## WEEK 4 - MAY THIS CHILD BE FAMOUS

### OVERVIEW

In the final chapter of Ruth we are presented with Boaz's strategy for dealing with the other "family redeemer" who has the right to marry Ruth instead of him. Through a clever series of arguments, Boaz leads this man to forgo his right to Ruth's hand, clearing the way for Boaz to marry her legally. Boaz and Ruth are married and she gives birth to a son who can carry on the family name. Only now is the biggest twist in the story revealed: this son is none other than Obed, the grandfather of King David himself!

As with the rest of the story, we do not see God acting in supernatural, miraculous ways. However, we can see his hand at work through the faithfulness of his people in every word of the story. Every single prayer offered up in the story is answered (including the prayer by the women of the town that this child of Ruth and Boaz be "famous!"). And we can see how the faithfulness of his people to love and care for the marginalized and outcast plays a part in God's plan to not only lead his people through King David, but ultimately to rescue and redeem the world through David's descendent, Jesus of Nazareth (Matthew 1:5).

*Praise the LORD, who has now provided a redeemer for your family!  
May this child be famous in Israel.*

**Ruth 4:14**

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What kind of man was Boaz before he met Ruth?
2. Read [Ruth 4](#). What was the "bait and switch" that Barry referred to?
3. Why do you think this story of Ruth was handed down for thousands of years to us?
4. God is not finished writing your story. What does this mean to you? How does that make you feel?
5. You might be someone's Ruth or Boaz right now.
  - a. How could God be using your ordinary faithfulness to redeem someone else's story?
  - b. What small act of ordinary faithfulness is in front of you?
6. How would your daily life be different if you had the mentality that at any moment God could be working through you to redeem someone else's broken life?