

# The Story Of Ruth — A Love Story

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- [ 0 : 0 0 ]     The 10th of January. The story of Ruth. A love story. And the verse, Boaz said to Ruth, I will redeem you.
- That is from Ruth, chapter 3, verse 13. Everyone likes a good story with a happy ending. Especially a love story.
- The little book of Ruth is a love story. And it points us to an even greater love story. The story of what Jesus Christ has done for his people.
- And all because he loves them. Ruth herself was a foreigner in the land of Israel. Who had come to faith in the Lord, the God of Israel.
- Under whose wings she had come to take refuge. As we read in Ruth 2, 12. The leading man in the story is called Boaz.
- [ 1 : 1 3 ]     A relative of Ruth's mother-in-law, Naomi. As the story unfolds, Boaz promised to act as the nearest of kin to Naomi and Ruth.
- And that is why he said to Ruth, I will redeem you. Meaning he would claim back the lands which had belonged to Ruth's late father-in-law and her deceased husband.
- This happily also meant he could marry Ruth. In due time they married and had a child called Obed.
- Many generations later, the great redeemer, the Lord Jesus, was born into that family line. Now Jesus says to us, I will redeem you.
- Through his death and resurrection, he secured our redemption, freeing us from the consequences of our sin and making us friends with God.
- [ 2 : 2 0 ]     He did this for us, not because we deserved it, but because he loved us. The greatest love story ever told.
- It is what we call the gospel. And a prayer. Dear Lord Jesus Christ, help me to come under the wings of your redeeming grace as I confess to you my sin.
- I thank you for your redemption. Amen. Amen.