

“From Emptiness To Fullness”
Ruth 4: 13-22

The Genealogy of David

¹³*So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When he made love to her, the LORD enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son.*

¹⁴*The women said to Naomi: “Praise be to the LORD, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! ¹⁵He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth.”*

¹⁶*Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him. ¹⁷The women living there said, “Naomi has a son!” And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.*

¹⁸*This, then, is the family line of Perez:*

Perez was the father of Hezron,

¹⁹*Hezron the father of Ram,*

Ram the father of Amminadab,

²⁰*Amminadab the father of Nahshon,*

Nahshon the father of Salmon,

²¹*Salmon the father of Boaz,*

Boaz the father of Obed,

²²*Obed the father of Jesse,
and Jesse the father of David.*

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Questions for personal or small group study and reflection:

1. How is Naomi's life different in this passage as opposed to what we saw in the beginning of the story? Have you ever experienced a time when God brought you out of a situation where you had no future and no hope? What was that like? If you are going through that now in your life, what can you learn from the book of Ruth regarding God's sovereignty?
2. What does it mean to you personally that Jesus is your redeemer? And that you've been redeemed? Are you able to live your life knowing that He has redeemed you? If not, how can you appropriate and live out this reality more in your life?
3. How will Obed renew Naomi's life and sustain her in her old age? Why does the passage say that Naomi has a son when in fact it was Ruth who gave birth to the child?
4. Why does the author end the story with a genealogy starting from Perez to David? What is the significance of this in the overall scheme of what God is doing in Israel/in the world?
5. Where would you say you are in the book of Ruth? Are you in chapter 1, 2, 3, or 4 in your life? Are you in the midst of a funeral or in a glorious wedding, or somewhere in between? How is the Lord using this time to speak His word into you?
6. How has your view of God changed in the past weeks after having spent time reading the book of Ruth and interacting with the Lord and with the various characters in this story?
7. Spend a moment giving thanks to God who is sovereign over all creation. Thank Him for His hesed (loving kindness) and for Christ's redemption of us. Praise the Lord for He is good and His covenantal loyalty of love to His people endures forever!