Ruth, Week 5, GDQ, May 19, 2024

Text: Ruth Chapter 4

Context: We've now arrived at the closing few scenes of this amazing short story.

Ruth's bold, yet fully appropriate, marriage proposal to Boaz has been well received. However, there is another family member, closer in the relational bloodline, that has first rights. Boaz must present the situation and gain full clearance in front of witnesses before he can marry Ruth.

Once again, we will see Boaz do what is right, the right way. Very cleverly!

While neither Naomi nor Ruth speak in this final chapter they are very much in the center of the action. Ruth's loyalty and willingness to risk as she pursues relationship with God and His people is wonderfully rewarded with marriage, a child, and a secure future.

Meanwhile, Naomi's enduring faith in the goodness of God, even when in a season of pain and disappointment, is also strengthened and blessed beyond measure with a grandson who will become the grandfather of David and lead all the way to The Kinsman-Redeemer, Jesus!

Going Deeper Questions:

1. **Describe a moment in your life when you were presented with a great opportunity but needed someone else's approval to proceed. How did it go? What can we learn from how Boaz presented his case?**

2. **When have you been called upon to 'witness' something? If you've ever attended a wedding ceremony than you have witnessed an exchange of sacred vows. Have you ever circled back to a couple and encouraged them to keep their vows?**

3. **What do you admire most about each of the main characters in this story? How might you apply in your own life what you have seen in theirs?**

4. **Pastor Wayne closed with three questions to consider. Spend a few minutes working through them.**

   a. **How might you pray and remain open to God at work in your life even when it's hard?**

   b. **Where is God asking you to make a bold decision and step into His future for you?**

   c. **What is the next right thing for you to do that continues your spiritual journey of discovering God?**