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A Study of Ruth

Text: Ruth 4:1-22

"We [often] erode our future because we make temporary decisions that rob us from a time we cannot see." Crawford Lorrits

The last thing mentioned of Ruth is that she became a wife and a mother. Verse 13

1 - The redemption of Ruth and Naomi is so far (in reach) greater than their own need for help.

Verses 15

- Restorer of life and a sustainer.
- We are to be creating the next generations of restorers and sustainers.
- Or, are we producing destroyers and drainers?

2 - Obed is so important! He is King David's Grandfather.

Verses 18-22

- Obed's "conception" follows Boaz's act of redemption; foreshadowing Christ who "redeems" us from the curse of the law (Galatians 3:13).
- The child born of that redemption secures the line through which the Redeemer Himself will come.

The genealogy begins with Perez.

Perez was the son of Judah and Tamar. Tracing the line to Perez connects Obed directly to Genesis 49:10.

In Matthew 1:1-16 only 5 women are mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus. Each with a very unique, scandalous, and redemptive story.

Tamar - Rahab - Ruth - Bathsheba - Mary

- God *will* use our life for His purpose and our good for generations.

3 - Obed never speaks a recorded word - yet, his life shapes history.

- The obedience of Ruth in “hidden places” can bear fruit for generations.

Obed’s life story is not recorded. Yet, his son’s is.

- Can we live life completely out of the picture?
- Can we work through our own challenges of life and declare: “*My life is not for me but for who comes after me?*”

When we settle this, we can enjoy life. Why? Because we end up seeing and knowing that we are an integral piece of God’s puzzle without which the following generation will not make sense.

4 - God works through families!!! Verse 18a

- Now these are the generations...
- We are not an island alone!

Not one of us is here because of independent individuality! We are here because God uses the *family* unit to bring about His plan.



Stop and take a moment to pray for whom comes after your life. Pray that you make impact for that which you will not personally experience.