

**MORE THAN A LIST OF NAMES**

**RUTH AND BOAZ**

**MATTHEW 1:5**  
**THE BOOK OF RUTH**

Matthew 1:5  
Salmon the father of  
Boaz, whose mother  
was Rehab.

Boaz the father of Obed,  
whose mother was Ruth.

# ~Background~

Elimelek and Naomi leave to live in Moab.

Elimelek dies.

Naomi's 2 sons take Moabite wives - Orpah and Ruth.

Then her sons die too.

## Ruth 1:11-13

But Naomi said, “Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? Return home my daughters; I am too old to have another husband.”

“Even if I thought there was still hope for me - even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons - would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the Lord’s hand has turned against me.”

## Ruth 1:16-17

But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried.

May the Lord deal with me be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.”

## Ruth 1:20-21

“Don’t call me Naomi,” she told them. “Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter. I went away full, but the Lord has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi? The Lord has afflicted me; the Almighty has brought misfortune upon me.”

## Leviticus 19:9-10

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest. And you shall not glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather every grape in your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger.

Ruth 2:6-7

The overseer replied, “She is the Moabite who came back from Moab with Naomi.

She said, ‘Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the harvesters.’ She came into the field and has remained here from morning till now, except for a short rest in the shelter.”

## Ruth 3:1-2

One day Ruth's mother in law Naomi said to her, "My daughter, I must find a home for you, where you will be well provided for. Now Boaz with whose women you have worked, is a relative of ours."

# What does a Kinsmen Redeemer do?

1. They were responsible for buying a fellow Israelite out of slavery.

Leviticus 25:48

After he is sold, he may be redeemed again. One of his brothers may redeem him.

2. They were responsible for avenging the blood or murder of a family member. Making sure the guilty answered for their crimes.

Numbers 35:19

The avenger of blood himself shall put the murderer to death; when he meets him he shall put him to death.

3. Responsible for buying back family land that had been forfeited.

Leviticus 25:25

If one of your brethren becomes poor and has sold some of his possession and if his redeeming relative comes to redeem it, then he may redeem what his brother sold.

4. Responsible for carrying on the family name by marrying a childless widow.

A kinsmen redeemer was responsible for helping to safeguard the persons, the property, and the posterity of their family.

## Ruth 3:2-4

“Tonight he will be winnowing barley on the threshing floor. Wash, put on perfume and get dressed in your best clothes. Then go down to the threshing floor, but don’t let him know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, note the place where he is lying. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down. He will tell you what to do.”

1. We always have a choice in the way we respond.

## 2. Jesus is our Kinsmen Redeemer

