



— LINEAGE OF THE KING —

**Salmon was the father of Boaz by Rahab,
Boaz was the father of Obed by Ruth, Obed was the father of Jesse**
Matthew 1:5-6

Lesson 6

FIRST DAY: Review and Overview

1. What stood out most to you from last week's lesson?

2. It is amazing how God uses *all things* (Romans 8:28) in our lives to bring us into His perfect and divine purposes. Yes, God even uses the hard, difficult, and tumultuous events to usher us into a place of blessing. In our lesson this week, God used famine, death, and desperate circumstances to bring a foreign woman into His divine purposes. The story of Ruth and Boaz highlights God's ability to use even the most difficult places to showcase His grace and infuse our lives with purpose and glory. Use the passages below to record a few of the *things* God used to bring Ruth into the lineage of Jesus:
 - a. Ruth 1:1-6

 - b. Ruth 2:2-3,11

 - c. Ruth 3:2-5

 - d. Ruth 4:9-10

3. Before beginning your study, commit the *all things* in your life to God to use for His greatest purposes.

*The Lord repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the Lord God of Israel,
under whose wings you have come for refuge.*

Ruth 2:12

SECOND DAY: Read Ruth 1

1. Matthew 1:5-6 states that, *Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab*, and *Boaz begot Obed by Ruth*. Ruth 1:1-5 introduces us to Ruth. Cite what you learn about:
 - a. how she met Naomi
 - b. the circumstances of her life
 - c. the spiritual climate of that time (Ruth 1:1, Judges 21:25)
2. In Ruth 1:6-13 Naomi decided to return to Israel. She urged her two daughters-in-law, Ruth and Orpah, to remain in Moab so they would have the opportunity to remarry and start a new life. Contrast their responses to Naomi from Ruth 1:14.
3. Naomi pointed out to Ruth that Orpah had *gone back to her people and gods*, and suggested she should do likewise (Ruth 1:15). From Ruth 1:16-17 record and comment on Ruth's:
 - a. plea
 - b. commitment
 - c. declaration
 - (1) Use Joshua 2:9-13 to compare Ruth's faith in the God of Israel with Rahab's. What do you see?
4. Note the result of Ruth's persistence from Ruth 1:18, 22.
5. List some of the things Ruth might have had to leave behind.
 - a. What do you think compelled her to follow Naomi?
6. How do you see God at work in Ruth's life?

THIRD DAY: Read Ruth 2

1. In Ruth 2 we are introduced to a man named Boaz. Note and comment on what you learn about him from the following:
 - a. verse 1
 - b. verse 3b
 - c. verse 4
 - d. verses 8-9

(1) Link Boaz's actions with Deuteronomy 24:19-22. Share your observations.
2. What hardship do you see Ruth undertaking in Ruth 2:2, 7?
 - a. In what way do you see God's leading in her life?
3. Use Ruth 2:8-23 to write a short note on the following:
 - a. Boaz's instruction - verses 8-9
 - b. Ruth's question - verse 10
 - c. What had been *fully reported* to Boaz - verse 11
 - d. Boaz's blessing - verse 12
 - e. Ruth's response - verse 13
 - f. Boaz's kindness - verses 14-16
 - g. Ruth's activity - verses 17-18, 23
 - h. Ruth's report - verses 19, 21
 - i. Naomi's insight - verses 20, 22
4. How do you see God using the circumstances of Ruth and Naomi's situation for their *good*? See Romans 8:28.

FOURTH DAY: Read Ruth 3

1. In Ruth 3:1-2 Naomi came up with a plan based on Jewish tradition and the law found in Deuteronomy 25:5-6. Boaz had shown Ruth great kindness as she gleaned in his fields. As a near *relative* of Naomi he was a *goel* (*kinsman-redeemer*) obligated to carry out certain responsibilities. What was Naomi's plan? Ruth 3:3-4

2. Naomi's advice to Ruth seems strange unless you understand ancient Jewish tradition. David Guzik in his commentary wrote: *Don't lose sight of the larger picture: Ruth came to claim a right. Boaz was her goel, her kinsman-redeemer, and she had the right to expect him to marry her and raise up a family to perpetuate the name of Elimelech. But Naomi wisely counseled Ruth to not come as a victim demanding her rights, but as a humble servant, trusting in the goodness of her kinsman-redeemer. She said to Boaz, 'I respect you, I trust you, and I put my fate in your hands.'* In light of this, how did Ruth respond to Naomi's counsel? Ruth 3:5-6
 - a. What does this convey about Ruth?

3. After his evening meal, Boaz *went to lie down*. In the middle of the night he was *startled* to find Ruth *lying at his feet* (Ruth 3:7-8). What did she say to him? Ruth 3:9
 - a. What stands out to you from Boaz's declaration in Ruth 3:10-13?

4. From Ruth 3:18 record Naomi's counsel to Ruth after hearing what happened that night. Ruth 3:18
 - a. Link Naomi's counsel with Psalm 46:10. Share your thoughts.
 - (1) In what area of your life do you need to *be still* and let God work?

5. Isaiah 54:4-8 describes the LORD as our *goel*, our kinsman-redeemer. Compare this description with the example of Boaz. What do you see?

FIFTH DAY: Read Ruth 4

1. In Ruth 4:1 Boaz immediately *went up to the gate* to negotiate with the man who was a closer *relative* of Naomi. What does this convey about Boaz?

2. Boaz informed *the close relative* of his obligation toward Naomi and Ruth as the kinsman-redeemer. However, *the relative* deferred the responsibility to Boaz (Ruth 4:2-8). From Ruth 4:9-10 summarize the declaration of Boaz.

3. Remark on the blessing given to Boaz by *the people who were at the gate, and the elders*. Ruth 4:11-12

4. Describe the joyous results of Boaz and Ruth's marriage from Ruth 4:13-17.
 - a. Compare Naomi's circumstances (Ruth 4:15b-16) with her earlier perspective (Ruth 1:20-21). What differences do you see?

5. According to Ruth 4:17, *Obed is the father of Jesse, the father of David*. 1 Samuel 16:1, 11-13 confirms this. Connect this with Romans 15:13 and share your thoughts.
 - a. How do you see God working *all things together* to bring Ruth and Boaz into the lineage of Jesus?

 - b. List a few things from your life that God used to bring you into the lineage of Jesus.

SIXTH DAY: Review

1. From your study this week, share how you see God use the following *things* in the life of Ruth and Boaz:
 - a. Famine in Bethlehem
 - b. Deaths of Elimelech, Mahlon, and Chilion
 - c. Naomi
 - d. Hunger
 - e. Work (gleaning)
 - f. Family obligations
 - (1) How does this speak to you about *things* in your life?
2. Recall that Boaz was the son of Rahab (Matthew 1:5). How do you think this might have influenced his perspective of Ruth?
3. How are you inspired by the story of Ruth and Boaz?

*And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God
to those who are called according to His purpose.*

Romans 8:28