Refueling Spiritual Rhythms: Redeeming
Ruth 4:8-16
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Ruth 4:8-16: So the guardian-redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it yourself." And he removed his sandal. [9] Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses that I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelek, Kilion and Mahlon. [10] I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, Mahlon's widow, as my wife, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property, so that his name will not disappear from among his family or from his hometown. Today you are my witnesses!" [11] Then the elders and all the people at the gate said, "We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the family of Israel. May you have standing in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem. [12] Through the offspring the LORD gives you by this young woman, may your family be like that of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah." [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! [15] He 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. (Ruth 4:8-16 NIV)

Our Vision: Connect with Christ, Church, and Community

1. God's _____ desire to redeem

_____ for redemption: God's Message, the God who made you…The One who got you started, Israel: "Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you. I've called your name. You're mine. When you're in over your head….

Isaiah 43:1-2a (MSG)

_____ freedom: What a wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Praise be to God, I am rescued through our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Roman 7:24-25a (JOT)

2. _____ the power of redemption

_____ faithfulness: You are my witness that on this day I have purchased this land, but with it I have acquired Ruth, the Moabite, in order to resurrect the name of death into a living inheritance….

Ruth 4:10 (JOT)

_____ the vision: The women said to Naomi, "Praise God, you have been transformed from 'bitter' to 'blessed' because God has not abandoned you, but he has redeemed you!" Ruth 4:14 (JOT)

_____ fullness: For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors… It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.
1 Peter 1:18 (TLB)

3. _____ wholeness

_____ the Shepherd: You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies. You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing. Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life. Psalm 23:5-6a (MSG)

Spiritual Action Step:

Are you traveling the path into emptiness? Are you struggling to find the joy of living? Do you long for a sense of hope for your future? Jesus says: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (John 10:11 (NIV)) God wants to lead you to an abundant life that has meaning and purpose. Stop trusting in your own strength and acknowledge that you need God's help. Stop living an empty existence. Jesus died on a cross in order to ransom your life from the power of sin and to fill you with the living water! This week, read Ruth 4 and John 10 to sense how God wants to bring the wholeness of redemption into your life!

Translations: NIV: New International Version; MSG: The Message; JOT: Jon's Own Translation; TLB: The Living Bible