



**WEST  
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CHURCH**

**Week 2**

**Sermon Series: Surrendered: Ruth, Hosea, Titus, Philemon, Jonah**

**Sermon Title: Boaz Provision—Integrity & Generosity**

**Sermon Text: Ruth 2**

**Study Handout Week of: September 2, 2018**

**Group Week of: September 9, 2018**

**Sermon Date: September 16, 2018**

**DOCTRINE: Redemption.** Redemption is a word used to describe how Jesus has “purchased” us in the marketplace of sin in order to set us free from sin’s dreadful bondage. The story of Hosea’s purchase of Gomer in the Old Testament book by his name is a perfect example of the transaction (Hosea 3:1-2). Peter has the same concept in mind when he writes, “It was not with perishable things such as silver and gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect” (I Peter 1:18,19). His point is that we should therefore live as being Christ’s possession (Romans 6:22-23; I Corinthians 6:19-20; Ephesians 1:7).

**ATTRIBUTE OF GOD: Sovereign** God’s sovereignty is multifaceted. He has absolute authority over nature, over history, over the affairs of mankind (I Chronicles 29:11-12; Psalm 47:7). Nothing is outside the scope of God’s rule (Ephesians 1:11). He controls and guides all events for His glory and for our good (Romans 8:28-29). God’s decree governs history (Daniel 4:34-35; Acts 2:23; 17:24-27). This includes the calling of those who will be saved by Him (Romans 8:29-30, Ephesians 1:4).

**Day 1: Read Ruth 1:19-22; Ruth 2:1-7**

1. What was the reason Naomi left Moab and what was her mindset?
2. What do you learn about the character of Ruth from 2:1-7?
3. Give evidences of God’s sovereignty?
4. How do these verses encourage you when you’re in difficult circumstances?

**Day 2: Read Ruth 2:4-16; Colossians 3:23**

1. What do these verses in Ruth reveal about the character of Boaz?
2. What work ethic does Ruth portray?
3. What work ethic do you portray to family members, co-workers, business partners or others? What changes will you prayerfully make? Read Colossians 3:23?

4. As a foreigner in the land, what were Ruth's expectations and what dangers could she have encountered? (vs 10)
5. How did Boaz respond? In what way does this remind you of God's care for His own, even in darkest times?

**Day 3: Read Ruth 2:8-16; Leviticus 25:25**

1. What are the key factors in these verses that reveal God's provision and love for Ruth and Naomi?
2. As a relative of Naomi (2:1 and 2:20), what was the responsibility of Boaz? (Leviticus 25:25)
3. What extended favor did Boaz offer Ruth?
4. What undeserved favor has God extended to you this week?

**Day 4: Read Ruth 2:17-23; Genesis 19:30-36; Deuteronomy 23:3-6;**

1. From Genesis, give the background of the Moabites. From Deuteronomy, what commands did God give the Jews regarding the Moabites?
2. What similarities do you see in Boaz's relationship with Ruth (a Moabite), and the Lord Jesus Christ's relationship with us (Gentiles) today?
3. How does this challenge you to pray for other people groups?
4. How do we again see God's sovereign plans being fulfilled?

**Day 5: Read Ruth 2:1-23; Matthew 1:1-17; Philippians 1:6**

1. How does God's grace shine brightly in the genealogy of the Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew?
2. How is Ruth's loyalty to God a key element in God's great plan of redemption?
3. God's promised blessings are for Christians today. Write 2 to 3 sentences stating what I Peter 1:18-19 and Ephesians 1:3-4 mean to you. (See Attribute above.) Share these with your group.