

## The One and Only Redeemer Ruth 4:1-12

### Counterfeit Saviors

- Tim Keller: "Counterfeit saviors will never redeem you, because if you embrace them, they will never \_\_\_\_\_ you, and if you fail them, they will never \_\_\_\_\_ you."

**The BIG Idea** ... Counterfeit saviors \_\_\_\_\_ redemption but only the True Savior \_\_\_\_\_ redemption. So, where are you going for redemption? Psalm 145:16 ...

### Promises Made

- Boaz does not \_\_\_\_\_ to make good on his promise to speak with the closer relative. Application: Follow through on what you \_\_\_\_\_ you will do—even when it is something you do not \_\_\_\_\_ to do.
- Neither Boaz nor the writer gives us the closer relative's \_\_\_\_\_. Why not? Maybe it's to highlight the fact that this guy is driven by one thing: he wants to make a name for \_\_\_\_\_. Application: We aren't here to make a name for \_\_\_\_\_; we are here to point people to the name of \_\_\_\_\_. Proverbs 27:2 ...
- Boaz: "Will you pay the price to redeem the land that Naomi is selling?"
- Mr. Other Guy: "\_\_\_\_\_, I will \_\_\_\_\_ it!"
- Boaz: "Oh, one more thing: when you redeem the land, you also redeem Naomi's daughter-in-law, Ruth the Moabite. So when you have sons, the land will stay in \_\_\_\_\_."

### A Promise Broken

- Mr. Other Guy: "I \_\_\_\_\_ redeem it, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I \_\_\_\_\_ redeem it." Application: Mr. Other Guy's mantra is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ counterfeit savior (Jeremiah 2:13 & Proverbs 16:25).

### A Promise Kept

- Boaz takes the sandal and says, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and his sons. And also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife ... to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of Mahlon may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place."

The prayer of blessing ...

1. May the LORD make Ruth the Moabite like \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, who built up the house of Israel.
2. May Boaz continue to act worthily and be \_\_\_\_\_ in Bethlehem (1 Samuel 2:30 ... see Matthew 1 and Luke 3).
3. Just as the LORD carried on the line of Judah through Tamar the \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 38), may God carry on your line through Ruth the \_\_\_\_\_.

### The Takeaway

God \_\_\_\_\_ us for Himself, to \_\_\_\_\_ us with Himself. John 6:35 ... Psalm 103:2-5 ...

Psalm 16:11, "In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."