

An Offer Too Good To Pass Up

Ruth 4, Genesis 22:1-8

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I. Legal negotiations. *Ruth 4:1-5*

- In a typical Middle-Eastern style, Boaz laid out some _____ "bait" to his relative.
- Whoever married Ruth and received Naomi's land would have to pass the land onto _____ children.

II. A short sighted decision. *Ruth 4:6*

- This relative missed out on _____ because he would not fulfill the duty which was laid out in God's plan.

Num 20:8 The LORD said to Moses, "Take the staff, and you and your brother Aaron gather the assembly together. _____ to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water.

- Christ needed to be struck for our sins, once. Afterwards, we simply need to _____ to the rock; it's all about a _____. *Heb. 9:28*

III. A confirmed commitment. *Ruth 4: 7-12, Genesis 22:1-8*

- As a Christ follower, we should take whatever _____ the Lord asks us to.

IV. Jesus' family tree. *Ruth 4:13-22, Matt. 1:5-6*

- *Hebrews 11:31 "By _____ the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient."*

V. Practical Application.

1. Ruth is an example of _____ in God and loyalty to people who love Him.
2. Boaz is an example of integrity, respect, and _____.
3. God extends His covenant of _____ to Gentiles.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. *What personal sacrifices was Boaz willing to make to do what was right? Where can we find the strength to do what's right in difficult situations?*
Ruth 4:1-5, Luke 9:24, Ruth 2:11, Hebrews 11:24-27, Luke 18:22
2. *What are some of the potential consequences that may happen with hasty decisions? Name some reasons people compromise their integrity.*
Numbers 20:8-12, 1 Cor. 10:1-4, Prov. 3:5-6, Prov. 12:15, Prov. 16:9, 1 Peter 1:13-15
3. *Discuss the statement Rich made, "As a Christ follower, we should take whatever risks the Lord asks us to". How can we stand up for what is right at home, at church, or at work? When someone else stands up for what is right in a situation, how does that affect you?*
Ruth 4:7-12, Mark 14:36, Gen. 22:1-8
4. *How can we better equip ourselves to deal with circumstances that may require us to "Do the right thing"?*
Gen. 39:6-12, 1 Sam. 1, 1 Kings 3:16-28, Psalm 25:21
5. *Discuss the Practical Applications of this sermon.*