

Message Outline

Reaping Ruth: The Reaping

Ruth 4



Intro: Ending our series on Ruthy w/ Rocky...

- Ruth 1 and hard hits of famine, fatality, and foreign settings...
- Ruth 2 and hard work...
- Ruth 3 and God's providential fingerprints...
- Ruth 4 and integrity in private/public life...

*⁵ Those who sow with tears
will reap with songs of joy.*

*⁶ Those who go out weeping,
carrying seed to sow,
will return with songs of joy,
carrying sheaves with them.
—Psalm 126:5-6 NIV*

Read: Ruth 4

v.1—Significance of town gate...

v.2-8—Civil Law in Deut.25 and Boaz's willingness to step up as others step down...

v.9-10—Contract spelled out clearly...

v.11-12—The public witness/blessing...

v.13—The fruit of the womb...

v.14-15—The contrasting community talk from beginning to end (1:19-21 to 4:14-15)!

v.16-22—Significant tie to King David...

Final Reflections on Ruth

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- Remember the time period (1:1), yet Ruth/Boaz are not a product of their era!
- The Chosen fish scene at credits...swimming upstream.
- To be “in” but not “of” the world (Jn.17:14-15, Rom.12:1-2)...

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- “Guardian-redeemer” and “redeem” used 22x in just 4 chapters of Ruth!
- Road to Redemption in Ruth: pain, loyalty/faithfulness/endurance, hard work, and a Redeemer...

3) _____

- Lineage that leads to David...then Jesus!!!