

NAOMI - RUTH CONNECTION

LESSON SIXTY-SIX AND SIXTY_SEVEN COMMENTS

Dear Loved Ones,

What does it mean to 'be a witness'? It could mean a way of proving or giving evidence of a crime or accident. It could mean having knowledge of an event from personal observation or experience. Biblically, it is also used in more than one way. It is used as basically someone who sees something important or amazing as in 'bearing witness'.

Business has always used witnesses to verify transactions. In the story of Ruth, witnesses were used to verify the transaction of Boaz redeeming Ruth. Jesus called disciples and were given the special privilege of witnessing everything that Jesus did. They experienced multiple miracles but perhaps the most treasured time they had with Jesus was in walking with Him as He showed love to others, touched peoples lives, and taught them how to daily become more like Him.

As Christians, we are supposed to stand as witnesses of God at all times by walking with Jesus to become a Christlike example for others in every situation.

Acts 1:8 clarifies the commission of believers to be witnesses. Jesus did not say 'you will be my legislative assembly'. Jesus appointed his followers as witnesses to primarily share the good news of the gospel. We have even been given the power of the Holy Spirit to empower us as witnesses and to use the gospel to bring others to the knowledge of our redeemer.

Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Sprit has come to you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all of Judea and Semaria, and to the end ot the earth."

Boaz recognized the importance of witnesses in order to properly complete His redemption of Ruth. Jesus included witnesses to share in His ministry while He lived on earth. Most importantly, He called us to be witnesses of what He can do in our lives when He redeems us to become His own. When we accept Him as our Lord and Savior, we become the most important witness of His redeeming power. We are given the amazing opportunity to become vessels of His love to others. The way we act, speak, look, and even think should reflect Him and His ways. We are witnesses of Jesus Christ when we talk to others about what Jesus has done for us. We can start by showing His love to others like Jesus did.

As witnesses to the most important redemption ever recorded, may we become witnesses to whoever God puts in our path.

May God bless you as you share His love this week.

Love and prayers,

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