

## NAOMI - RUTH CONNECTION

### LESSON SIXTY COMMENTS

Dear Loved Ones,

Have you ever been called to do Jury Duty? Though I wasn't enthusiastic about being chosen to be on the Jury, I remember the process well and felt a certain amount of satisfaction in being a part of that process. Even though I had no official training as a Prosecutor, Defense or Judge would have, I had an important role in determining the outcome of that trial. It was still a lot of responsibility.

Boaz took his transaction to redeem Ruth very seriously. He wanted to make sure he did everything appropriately and had the proper witnesses available to complete the process with great integrity. By making sure that he went to the gate to meet the other kinsman who had the right to redeem Ruth, as well as by making sure that he had all the proper witnesses were there, he was showing great respect to Ruth.

Sandy Harber also did a great job in comparing Ruth's redeemer to our Redeemer. As part of the body of Christ, we have been called to be witnesses and to share the story of Redemption. For us it is not just an obligation, however, it is a wonderful privilege. One of my best memories of a baptism is when my husband held a baptism at a swimming pool with the intention of only baptizing a few that had already requested to be baptism. The Holy Spirit was moving our group (the church group of witnesses) so much, however, that as we sang and praised God, he ended up baptizing 30 people that were not even prepared for baptism. It was so exciting. It was like a party of celebrating Jesus and what He was doing in our lives. We all witnessed God's presence in a very powerful way. It was much different than being a witness in a courtroom. God certainly is a God of law, but He is also a God of joy. He also sent His son to fulfill the law and give us the opportunity to come directly before Him because of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Through His blood we can now be redeemed and become witnesses of the most wonderful story ever told.

The story of Ruth is a great example of an Old Testament redeemer and shows us the history of our Redeemer, but I praise God that His Redeemer is available to each of us at any time for the asking. We don't need to go through any court system, we don't even need to have any witnesses when we ask Jesus to be our Lord. But when Jesus becomes our Saviour, we gladly want to share Him and, hopefully, we even want to be baptized in front of witnesses. I just reminded my grandson of the verse He used prior at his baptism by underlining it in the Bible I gave him for His graduation. Seeing our children and grandchildren is one of the best opportunities to be a witness that we can experience. We have been so blessed to know that our children and grandchildren were saved and be baptism. That is one of the best witness opportunities we can receive.

I hope you have the opportunity to be a witness of God's loving redemption. Seeing God change lives is one of the most joy filled opportunities we can experience.

May your week be filled with joy as you seek to be a witness for Christ to family, friends, and everyone you meet.

Love and Prayers,

Sandy Yates