



## How to Have a Good Ending

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**Just because you think you live a plain, ordinary life doesn't mean that God is not at work.**

And Boaz said to the family redeemer, "You know Naomi, who came back from Moab. She is selling the land that belonged to our relative Elimelech. If you want the land, then buy it here in the presence of these witnesses. But if you don't want it, let me know right away, because I am next in line to redeem it after you." Ruth 4:2-4a

That's why I can handle weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:10

Then Boaz told him, "By the way, your purchase of the land also requires that you marry Ruth, the Moabite widow. That way, she can have children who will carry on her husband's name and keep the land in the family." Ruth 4:5

"Then I can't redeem it," the family redeemer replied, "because this might endanger my own estate. You redeem the land; I cannot do it." Ruth 4:6-8

So Boaz married Ruth and took her home to live with him. The Lord enabled her to become pregnant, and she gave birth to a son. Naomi took care of the baby and cared for him as if he were her own. And they named him Obed. He became the father of Jesse and the grandfather of David. Ruth 4:17

Boaz was the father of Obed (his mother was Ruth). Obed was the father of Jesse. Jesse was the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon... who was the father of Matthan who was the father of Jacob. Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Mary was the mother of Jesus, who is called the Messiah. Matthew 1:5, 15-16

"And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded." -Jesus, Matthew 10:42

*"Lord, I want to see you work in and through me."*

### For your LifeGroup and growth time.

Read Ruth 4. What is going on? What insights do you see?

What cultural differences are you seeing between that day and today?

Why do you think things worked out so well for Ruth? What if things had worked out horrible for her? Do you think that it would mean God was punishing her?

How confident are you (be honest) in God working things out for good in your situation (Romans 8:28)?

How does this story give you more trust and hope in God?

Pray together and support each other!

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