

**Ruth: God's Redemptive Power**  
**"Love Is In The Air" (5 of 6)**  
**Cornerstone Church Of Poway**  
**Pastor Ed Turley**  
**June 23, 2024**

**Sermon Notes**

**Big Idea:**

The journey from heartbreak to hope begins when we turn to God for redemption.

"Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." **Ruth 1:16b (NIV) Remember Verse**

**What Does Love Look Like?**

**1. Love Demonstrates Genuine Care about Others**

One day Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, should I not try to **find a home for you**, where you will be well provided for? <sup>2</sup> Is not Boaz, with whose servant girls you have been, **a kinsman of ours**? Tonight he will be winnowing barley on the threshing floor. <sup>3</sup> **Wash and perfume yourself**, and put on your **best clothes**. Then go down to the threshing floor, but don't let him know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking. <sup>4</sup> When he lies down, note the place where he is lying. Then go and **uncover his feet and lie down. He will tell you what to do.**" <sup>5</sup> "I will do whatever you say," Ruth answered. **Ruth 3:1-5 (NIV)**

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**2. Love Demonstrates Trust**

<sup>6</sup> So she went down to the threshing floor and did everything her mother-in-law told her to do. <sup>7</sup> When Boaz had finished eating and drinking and was in good spirits, he went over to lie down at the far end of the **grain pile**. Ruth approached quietly, uncovered his feet and lay down. <sup>8</sup> In the middle of the night something startled the man, and he turned and **discovered a woman lying at his feet.** <sup>9</sup> "Who are you?" he asked. "I am your servant Ruth," she said. "**Spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a kinsman-redeemer.**" **Ruth 3:6-9 (NIV)**

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### 3. Love Demonstrates Commitment

<sup>10</sup> "The LORD bless you, my daughter," he replied. "This kindness is greater than that which you showed earlier: **You have not run after the younger men**, whether rich or poor. <sup>11</sup> And now, my daughter, **don't be afraid. I will do for you all you ask**. All my fellow townsmen **know that you are a woman of noble character**. <sup>12</sup> Although it is true that **I am near of kin, there is a kinsman-redeemer nearer than I**. <sup>13</sup> Stay here for the night, and in the morning **if he wants to redeem, good; let him redeem. But if he is not willing, as surely as the LORD lives I will do it**. Lie here until morning."

**Ruth 3:10-13 (NIV)**

<sup>14</sup> So she lay at his feet until morning, but got up before anyone could be recognized; and he said, "Don't let it be known that a woman came to the threshing floor." <sup>15</sup> He also said, "Bring me the shawl you are wearing and hold it out." When she did so, he poured into it **six measures** of barley and put it on her. Then he went back to town. <sup>16</sup> When Ruth came to her mother-in-law, Naomi asked, "How did it go, my daughter?" Then she told her everything Boaz had done for her <sup>17</sup> and added, "He gave me these six measures of barley, saying, 'Don't go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.'" <sup>18</sup> Then Naomi said, "Wait, my daughter, until you find out what happens. For the man will not rest until the matter is settled today." **Ruth 3:14-18 (NIV)**

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **Romans 5:8 (NIV)**

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider **equality** with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but made himself nothing, taking the very **nature of a servant**, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he **humbled** himself and became **obedient to death--** even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup> Therefore God **exalted him** to the highest place and gave him the **name that is above every name**, <sup>10</sup> that at the **name of Jesus every knee should bow**, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and **every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father. **Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV)**

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→ **How can I demonstrate Real Love to the people in my life?**

**I will choose to demonstrate love by:**

- Genuinely showing care for the needs of others
- Demonstrating trust
- Committing myself wholeheartedly
- Accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior
- Signing up for baptism July 21, 2024 Silver Strand Beach

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**Family Corner:** [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Try this over dinner. Keep it to 12 minutes or less.]

**Open in Prayer.**

This guide aims to facilitate a meaningful discussion, encourage personal reflection, and foster mutual support within your small group. Feel free to adapt it to better fit your group's dynamics and needs.

**Icebreaker:**

Share a time when someone's loving kindness had a significant impact on your life. How did it make you feel and what did you learn from it?

**Big Idea:**

The journey from heartbreak to hope begins when we turn to God for redemption.

**How Do We Demonstrate Love?**

**1. Love Demonstrates Genuine Care**

**Read Ruth 3:1-5**

How did Naomi show genuine care for Ruth in this passage?

Can you think of a time when someone showed genuine care for you in a difficult situation? How did it impact you?

Analogy Discussion: Discuss how Naomi's actions are similar to a parent guiding their child. How does this analogy help us understand God's care for us?

**2. Love Demonstrates Trust**

**Read Ruth 3:6-9**

What risks did Ruth take by following Naomi's instructions?

What does this teach us about trust in relationships?

Share a time when you had to trust someone else with a significant decision. How did it feel, and what was the outcome?

### **3. Love Demonstrates Commitment**

#### **Read Ruth 3:10-18**

How did Boaz demonstrate his commitment to Ruth and Naomi's well-being?

Think of a relationship where you have seen or experienced deep commitment. What actions showed this commitment?

Analogy Discussion: Consider how Boaz's commitment reflects Christ's commitment to us. How does this deepen our understanding of God's love and sacrifice?

Life Application:

Which aspect of love (genuine care, trust, commitment) do you find most challenging to demonstrate in your life? Why?

Follow-Up: How can we, as a small group, support each other in growing these aspects of love?

Activity: Write down one practical step you will take this week to show love through genuine care, trust, or commitment. Share your plan with the group and commit to praying for each other.

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Reflect on Philippians 2:5-11 and discuss how Christ's example of love can guide our actions.

Closing Prayer:

"Lord, thank You for the lessons we have learned today about Your redeeming love. Help us to show genuine care, trust, and commitment in our relationships, following the example of Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz. Guide us as we strive to live out Your love in our daily lives. Amen."