**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. May 17, 2020**

**Don’t Just Pray, Do Something!**

Ruth 3:1-18

**Key Truth:** Faith in action is a key ingredient of prayer.

**Kinsman Redeemer:** Leviticus 25:23-27, Leviticus 25:47-55, Numbers 35:16-25, Deuteronomy 25:5-10

1. A kinsman redeemer was all about leaving a family

legacy.

2. Boaz as a kinsman redeemer is a picture of Jesus Christ

as our Redeemer.

3. Boaz was redeeming Ruth and Naomi out of a lifestyle of

poverty and placing them in his family.

**A Weird Story:**

1. Ruth is petitioning Boaz to marry her. **Ruth 3:9/2:12**

2. Boaz became the human expression of God’s divine

grace and covering. **Ruth 2:12/Ruth 3:**9

**What We Can Learn:**

1. We all need someone to come alongside us and mentor

us in the things of God.

2. No matter how bleak things may look, there is always

hope in God.

3. God cares about the poor and disenfranchised.

4. Sometimes it’s not us waiting on God, it’s God waiting on

us.

5. Just like Ruth, we too need to be redeemed.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Pray but look for God’s invisible hand in your daily life. Look for a mentor to help you fulfill your divine destiny. Trust Jesus Christ as your Savior.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Read Ruth 3:6-13: Getting Boaz to act as the family redeemer meant that Ruth had to first approach him. What risks did Ruth take as she followed Naomi’s advice?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:20: What clear responsibilities do we have when it comes to helping people come to know Jesus?

Read Ruth 3:7-17: Consider Boaz’s kindness, acceptance and provision for Ruth. In what ways does Ruth’s interaction with Boaz resemble our own redeeming interaction with God?

Ruth didn’t have much to offer by the world’s standards. She was a bereaved widow living in a foreign land with foreign rules. One thing she did bring to the table was her humility. Ruth was rewarded for her character, obedience and humility. How do you see humility being rewarded in the following verses?

1 Peter 5:5-7

Proverbs 15:33

Luke 14:8-11

Read Titus 2:1-8: Why is it important to be a mentor and to have a mentor to help us grow spiritually? What has been your interaction with mentorship? Was it positive or negative? Do you have a mentor? Why or why not?