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I am so glad you decided to join me again today for Bible study! Like Ruth, you shall reap a harvest of righteousness by trusting in God and His Word! Before we begin our study time today, please gather your study tools and turn on your computer. Please spend a few minutes in prayer. Thank God for His many provisions and blessings and ask forgiveness for any sin upon your heart. Today, be especially aware of any area of your life that God wants you to turn over to Him to bring restoration and redemption. Sign your initials on the line when you have finished praying: \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Please read Ruth Chapter Three. Record in your journal any verses that seem important or special to you.
2. Now please read Ruth Chapter Three in another version of the Bible. If needed, use the following link to access other versions of the Bible:  
<http://www.blueletterbible.org/>
  - a. When you have finished reading, please notate in your journal anything you have questions about. Now please go to Blue Letter Bible (BLB) and use the *Study Tools* to research your questions. Record your findings in your journal.
3. Scan Chapter Three one more time and choose a theme word for the chapter. Please write your theme word in the blank: \_\_\_\_\_. Again, there is no right or wrong answer.

For this chapter, pending on your version of the Bible, it may have been a little difficult to pick a theme word. Some occurrences of word repetition are hidden due to translation style. We will uncover a few of these words in a moment. The theme word I chose for this chapter is *relative*. Unless you are using the KJV, NASB, or a Hebrew translation it is difficult to locate each rendering of this word in Ruth Chapter Three. In order facilitate our study time please go to BLB and type Ruth 3:9 in the *Bible/Dictionary Search* bar. (Even though the word *relative* appears in Ruth 3:2, it is a different Hebrew word for *relative* than the one we are going to study today.)

4. Please click on the *blue box C* next to Ruth 3:9. Now scroll down to the phrase "*for thou art a near kinsman,*" and click on the blue *H1350*.
  - a. Please listen to the Hebrew pronunciation of *ga'al* and record the Hebrew spelling of this word in your journal.

5. Now, examine the definitions for *ga'al* and record your findings in your journal.

In order to better understand the word *ga'al* we need a little background information. In ancient Biblical times, if a man, woman, or family fell into financial trouble and had to sell their property or become slaves to pay their debts, another family member could act as a *kinsman redeemer* and *buy* the family out of debt or slavery. In the event that a woman's husband died without leaving a son, the husband's brother would often marry his brother's wife in order to save the family line. In Ruth and Naomi's case, they lost their land in Israel and their husbands. Neither Ruth nor Naomi had a son to provide for them and carry on the family line. They needed a relative redeemer. Thus, Boaz. Boaz is a *type of Christ*; someone who exhibits character qualities or behaviors that will be completely fulfilled by Jesus.

6. Look back at your computer and scroll down to the bottom of your screen to *Concordance Results Using KJV* and locate all the other places *ga'al* is used in Ruth Chapter Three. If you write in your Bible, please highlight every location you find *ga'al* in Ruth Chapter Three.

7. Go back to your computer and read *Gesenius' Lexicon (Help)* entry for the term *ga'al* and answer the following questions:

- a. What types of slavery affect modern day Christians?
- b. What attitudes, habits or thoughts are you/have you been enslaved to?
- c. Are you enslaved to any unhealthy relationships?
- d. Have you let God redeem you from any problem you mentioned above?
- e. What *currency* did God use to redeem you?

I love to watch *Antiques Road Show*. I am fascinated by the valuable things that people find laying around their houses—the quarter-of-a million-dollar Native American basket that the kids have been using for hide-and-seek, or the priceless handmade oriental carpet that has seen many years of service in the front entry way. One thing that always surprises me, however, is how UGLY a few of these priceless treasures are.

I wouldn't pay two-dollars for some of the "masterpieces" featured on the show. What makes these repulsive works of art valuable? Value is determined by how much someone *is willing to pay for it*. If the market for a certain type or style of art is *hot* the price of a painting or vase can rise significantly. As people, our worth is determined in the same manner—by how much Someone *is willing to pay for us*. God, because He loves you tremendously, infinitely, abundantly, paid not a million dollars, not a billion dollars but Christ's blood to redeem you from sin and from Satan. That is how much you are worth to God—the precious blood of Jesus ... You are infinitely valuable. To redeem you, God shed the blood of His only Begotten Son.

When God redeems a person from any kind of bondage or slavery whether its drugs, alcohol, prostitution, abuse, theft, it's because He wants to use that person's life for His glory.

He has redeemed **you** for a purpose. He wants you to minister to others and live the abundant life for His kingdom. Please don't waste your time telling God you aren't worthy; He already knows. You *aren't* worthy...I'm not worthy, but **Jesus is**. It is to your Father's glory that you go and bear much fruit. Tell God that you want to live for Him. Get the healing and training you need to go forth and take His message of redemption to the hurting world around you. Somebody needs to hear what you have learned. Somebody needs to know that there is life after jail, after drugs, after abuse, and after hideous sin. Like Ruth, may we boldly ask our Redeemer to cover us and redeem us.

In closing, please spend some time in prayer. Is there something that has never been redeemed in your life? Some mistake or sin? Bring to God the things you wish you could forget, the things you regret, and ask Him to redeem them. Let Him create something beautiful from the ashes of hurt and sin. Ask Him—our God is mighty to redeem!

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