The Book of Ruth #8 May 9, 2021

BOAZ REDEEMS RUTH

(Ruth 4:1-12)

I. INTRODUCTION

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A. The Legal Resolution (4:1-12)

- 1. The key theme of this chapter is *redemption*, the words "_____," "_____," "_____," and "_____" are used at least fifteen times; this is because there can be no redemption without the paying of a price.
- 2. In Bible times the "*city gate*" was not only the entrance into the walled city, but it served as a ______, and where the elders of the city conducted their ______.

(v. 1)

- 3. Boaz not only asked Elimelech's nearest ______ to sit down and discuss the matter regarding Naomi's property, but he also called ten city elders as his ______. (vv. 2-3)
- 4. In a _____ manner, Boaz informed this nearest relative regarding his potential kinsman duties of redeeming Naomi's property as his own; if he _____, Boaz would _____ it. (v. 4a)
 - a. Interestingly, Jesus had to become closely "_____" to us before He could redeem us with a _____ price.
 - b. Ruth and Naomi were ______ to redeem themselves, but Boaz had ______ the resources necessary to redeem them.

- 5. This unnamed relative was ______ to _____ the property as his own! (v. 4b)
- While redeeming a relative's property (Lev. 25:25-28) and marrying a near relative's widow to perpetuate his name (Deut. 25:5-10) were ______, Boaz intentionally made ______ part of a "package deal." (v. 5)
- 8. In v. 7 and following, the narrator explained a custom which had become obsolete, it was a dramatic ______ act that others would witness and ______ of the transfer of one's ______. (vv. 7-10)
- 9. After discharging their legal functions, the witnesses pronounced a ______ upon Boaz and his bride to be ______ like *"Rachel and Leah"*, and for Boaz to be ______ in Bethlehem. (v. 11)
- 10. Because there are many parallels between the story of Boaz and Ruth and the story of Perez's parents, Judah and Tamar (Gen. 38), these witnesses ______ Boaz a prosperous ______. (v. 12)

* How can you personally apply what you have learned today?