

**SERIES: THE POWER OF GENEROUS DELIVERANCE!**

**MESSAGE: A GENEROUS**

NOTICE: what GENEROSITY DELIVERED vs what GREED DENIED  
(*What Naomi thought was LOSS actually Positioned her for LEGACY!*)

**Ruth 1:1** **NLT** In the days when the judges ruled in Israel, a severe famine came upon the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah left his home and went to live in the country of Moab, taking his wife and two sons with him.

**6** Then Naomi heard in Moab that the LORD had blessed his people in Judah by giving them good crops again.

**16** But Ruth replied, "Don't ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. **17** Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD punish me severely if I allow anything but death to separate us!"

**#1 LOYAL DESPITE THE LOSS**

**Ruth 2:2-3** **2** One day Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go out into the harvest fields to pick up the stalks of grain left behind by anyone who is kind enough to let me do it." Naomi replied, "All right, my daughter, go ahead." **3** So Ruth went out to gather grain behind the harvesters. And as it happened, she found herself working in a field that belonged to Boaz, the relative of her father-in-law, Elimelech.

**#2 BEING GENEROUS BECAME CONTAGIOUS**

**Ruth 2:10-12** **10** Ruth fell at his feet and thanked him warmly, "What have I done to deserve such kindness?" she asked. "I am only a foreigner." **11** "Yes, I know," Boaz replied. "But I also know about everything you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband. I have heard how you left your father and mother and your own land to live here among complete strangers. **12** May the LORD, God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully for what you have done."

**Ruth 3:7-8** **7** After Boaz had finished eating and drinking and was in good spirits, he lay down at the far end of the pile of grain and went to sleep. Then Ruth came quietly, uncovered his feet, and lay down. **8** Around midnight Boaz suddenly woke up and turned over. He was surprised to find a woman lying at his feet!

**#3 LAPSE OF INTEGRITY IS A LOSS OF INFLUENCE**

**Ruth 4:5-6** **5** Then Boaz told him, "Of course, your purchase of the land from Naomi 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." **6** "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." ( – the GREED DENIED him Destiny!)

**#4 GENEROSITY ALWAYS DELIVERS**

**Ruth 4:14-17** **14** Then the women of the town said to Naomi, "Praise the LORD, who has now provided a redeemer for your family! May this child be famous in Israel. **15** May he restore your youth and care for you in your old age. For he is the son of your daughter-in-law who loves you and has been better to you than seven sons!"

**16** Naomi took the baby and cuddled him to her breast. And she cared for him as if he were her own. **17** The neighbor women said, "Now at last Naomi has a son again!" And they named him Obed. He became the father of

Jesse and the grandfather of David.  
*DAVID*)

(the *LEGACY* of NAOMI was the *LINE* of

## **A GENEROUS DELIVERANCE**