

- Ruth 4.13-17 -
Love Sermon 13
Love in Action

Ruth 4.13 So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife; and when he went in to her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son. 14 Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a close relative; and may his name be famous in Israel! 15 And may he be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has borne him." 16 Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her bosom, and became a nurse to him. 17 Also the neighbor women gave him a name, saying, "There is a son born to Naomi." And they called his name Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

- * Where does God give us a picture of love in action?
- * How does Ruth begin?
- * What is the setting?
- * What is the significance of Elimelech taking his family to Moab?
- * What happens to Naomi in Moab, and how does she see herself?
- * What happens to Naomi's daughters in law when she decides to return to Bethlehem?
- * What is God saying about Ruth without saying it?

- * What does that say about Naomi?
- * What happens when Naomi and Ruth arrive back in Bethlehem?
- * How does God's providence begin to show itself?
- * How does Boaz show mercy to Ruth and Naomi?
- * How does Naomi find out if God will bless her and Ruth?
- * How does Boaz come to redeem Naomi's land and marry Ruth?
- * What is the difference between Boaz and Naomi's closer relative?
- * What can we learn about love in this story?
 - (1) Love doesn't need ...
 - (2) God uses ...