



-- **Big Idea: A life well-lived is a life that leaves a legacy.**

1.) Marriage is a blessing (v. 13a).

-- **Celebrate marriage!**

- In Hebrew culture, there were no celebrations grander than a wedding feast.
- It is perfectly fitting that Ruth's beautiful picture of redemption culminates in the joy of a wedding celebration.
- It points forward to the glorious event in which our redemption in Christ will culminate in the Wedding Feast of the Lamb.

-- **Celebrate Sexual Intimacy in marriage.**

- There are two components of biblical marriage: Covenant and Consummation.
 - Covenant: Husbands and wives devote themselves to each other unreservedly.
 - Consummation: Marriage is consummated by sexual intimacy.
- A biblical understanding of sexual intimacy includes **Directness, Decorum, and Delight.**
 - Directness – Scripture addresses the issue very directly, both to instruct us and to warn us.
 - Decorum – Though direct, Scripture is discreet about the subject.
 - Delight – Within biblical marriage, Scripture makes clear that sexual intimacy is a delight and a blessing from God.

2.) **Children are a gift (v. 13b).**

- v. 13b – Just as the church is designed to make disciples, so marriages are designed to make **Babies**.
- Scripture gives no hint of godly couples who desire no children.
- To impact the future, we need to place children in the future with Christ in their hearts and the Gospel on their lips (Jeremiah 29:4-6).
- v. 13b – It was the Lord who enabled Ruth to **Conceive** .
- Inherent in this verse is the truth that conception is God’s gift (Psalm 127:3).
- Trust in God’s providence for your family.

3.) **Grandchildren are a crown of joy (v. 14-16, Pro. 17:6)**

- Grandchildren are a blessing when their parents are faithful.
- v. 15b – The women are confident that Obed will be a blessing to Naomi because Ruth is such a good daughter-in-Law.
- Let us raise our children in such a way that they will be a joy to their grandparents.
- Grandchildren can **Revitalize** their grandparents.
- Naomi’s transformation in this story is dramatic.
- v. 16 – Naomi’s story ends with the picture of an overjoyed grandmother holding her new grandbaby in her loving arms.
- A life that leaves a legacy is a life well-lived.

4.) **Live to leave a legacy (v. 10-22).**

- Note: You can surely leave a legacy without being married or having children. Jesus did. So did the Apostle Paul.
- **There are numerous references to legacy in these verses.**
- v. 10-13 – Various prayers about the legacy of Boaz and Ruth.
- v. 17-22 – The descendents of Boaz—a legacy that points to Jesus Christ.
- **What kind of legacies are we leaving?**
- *Based upon the daily progression of our families, where are our legacies headed?*
- *What kind of legacy are we leaving through our marriages?*
- *What kind of legacy are we leaving in our children’s hearts?*

-- Leave a legacy that points to Christ!

- *Is bringing glory to God through Jesus Christ the legacy we are imparting day-by-day?*
- *Apart from this legacy, what legacy could really matter?*
- Of all that is great about this story, its greatest legacy is that it points to **Christ!**