

Daily Devotion For January 12, 2022

¹⁶ But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." ¹⁸ When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her." Ruth 1:16-18

Don't you love a good comeback? Sunday evening Klay Thompson returned to the court after a 2 ½ year absence due to injuries. The crowd was electric as Klay made his first shot of the evening and went on to score 18 points.

It does our hearts good to see someone get back up after they've been knocked down by the tragedies of life. That's the story of the book of Ruth. The story begins with Ruth as a young woman. Her life seems to hold a bright future. She marries a husband with strong family ties. They begin building a life together. But in a few short years, her family is demolished by death. Ruth's husband, father-in-law, and brother-in-law all die. Ruth has no blood relation with have to start over.

As we studied the life of Ruth two years ago, we remember that Ruth became the great-grandmother to King David! How did this happen? Someone in Ruth's deceased husband's family had to buy back or "redeem" the right to own the land in Israel that would have belonged to him. The term for that is the "kinsman redeemer", and that is what Boaz was.

Boaz wanted Ruth's hand in marriage. He had fallen in love with her watching her commitment to her mother-in-law and her gleaning in the barley fields. Who would ever have dreamed an outsider, a Moabite woman, would be in the very lineage of Christ Himself? Our Lord did!

Thought For Today: God knew you before you were born. He knows what's going on in your life right now! Even though Ruth nor we know what the future holds, we can take confidence in the one that holds the future.

Today's Prayer Focus: Thank God that He sent Jesus to become our "kinsman redeemer" the one who bought us and redeemed us by the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Deo Volente.