

Reveal Your Closeness

Happy Wednesday!

“He said, “Who are you?” And she answered, “I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer.” ... And now it is true that I am a redeemer. Yet there is a redeemer nearer than I.” Ruth 3:9, 12 ESV

Historically speaking, a widow was almost as good as dead: her husband was her source of income to buy the ingredients to make food or fabric to make clothes. A husband would also have secured a house for his wife on his parents’ property. If he died, the next of kin was required by Law to take the widow as his own wife. This role was called “kinsman redeemer” when a male relative provided shelter and covering (financially, spiritually, physically) over his late relative’s widow.

In the historical account of Ruth, not only is she a widow, but her husband’s next of kin (brother) was also dead. Her father-in-law was also dead, so there was no chance of anyone else to be born later on to become the kinsman redeemer for her. Until her mother-in-law realizes there is: Boaz. Boaz also happened to be a wealthy leader who had already demonstrated generosity to Ruth. And in the verses above, Boaz has just realized that he can “redeem” Ruth from widowhood, but he’s not her closest relative. He says that there’s a redeemer who is nearer, and while he is literally speaking of a closer relative, he’s *spiritually* speaking of Jesus.

Jesus is our Kinsman Redeemer - the One Who Redeems what we cannot do alone (be free of sin) and restores us to His covering and freedom from sin through His forgiveness.

There is a Redeemer who is closer.

There is a Friend who is closer.

There is a Covering who is closer.

There is a Lord who is closer.

There is a Forgiver who is closer.

His Name is Jesus.

Thank You, Jesus for the blood applied to our lives.

God I pray you would reveal Your closeness. Your Word promises that You are always near Your children, and while we may not always be aware of Your closeness, You’re still close! Redeem us, Lord, according to Your Word.

“Thank You Jesus For The Blood Applied” by Charity Gayle <https://youtu.be/dhU-Omwg2rU?si=aERoD3-6OgF11wq6> [youtu.be]

Check out this short video: Bridge Analogy

<https://youtu.be/NyJCWip6Os?si=NWOG0DN4zWdlKuok>

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