

A silhouette of a woman wearing a headscarf is positioned in the upper center of the frame, looking towards the right. The background is a vast field of tall, golden-brown grasses or reeds, illuminated by the warm, low light of a sunset. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

Rutba

ACT 7

“Hesed’s
Legacy”

Ruth 4:11-22



“Then Boaz said to the elders and to the crowd standing around, ‘You are witnesses that today I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelech, Chilion, and Mahlon. And with the land I have acquired Ruth, the Moabite widow of Mahlon, to be my wife. This way she can have a son to carry on the family name of her dead husband and to inherit the family property here in his hometown.’” (Ruth 4:9-10; NLT)

Ruth 4:11-12

11 Then all the people who were at the gate and the elders said, “We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you act worthily in Ephrathah and be renowned in Bethlehem, 12 and may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring that the LORD will give you by this young woman.”

Hesed is God's extraordinarily loyalty
and gracious devotion to those who
He calls His own.

“May the LORD make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel.”

*“May you [Boaz] act worthily in
Ephrathah and be renowned in
Bethlehem.”*

“[Boaz], may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring that the LORD will give you by this young woman.”

What are your words accomplishing
in the lives of others?

*“Death and life are in the power of the
tongue.” (Proverbs 18:21a)*

Ruth 4:13

13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son.

Ruth 4:14-15

14 Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel! 15 He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him."

Ruth 4:16-17

16 Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her lap and became his nurse. 17 And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Ruth 4:18-22

18 Now these are the generations of Perez:
Perez fathered Hezron, 19 Hezron
fathered Ram, Ram fathered Amminadab,
20 Amminadab fathered Nahshon,
Nahshon fathered Salmon, 21 Salmon
fathered Boaz, Boaz fathered Obed, 22
Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered
David.

Matthew 1:1, 3-6

1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. ... 3 And Perez [was] the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, 4 and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, 5 and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, 6 and Jesse the father of David the king.

You do not know what your
faithfulness today will bring about in
the days, years, and generations after
you.

“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”

(Colossians 3:1-4)

What will be the legacy of your *hesed*
for future generations?

*“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen. For by it the
people of old received their commendation...
These all died in faith, not having received the
things promised, but having seen them and
greeted them from afar... Therefore God is not
ashamed to be called their God, for he has
prepared for them a city.”*

(Hebrews 11:1-2, 13, 16)

You do not know what your faithfulness today will bring about later. Trust Jesus and live faithfully and courageously even when you cannot perceive the benefit. One day God will allow you to see the lineage of your spiritual descendants!