

DIGDEEPER

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Snapshots of Love: Boaz by Dr. Richard Rogers

Ruth 2-4 ([Listen Online](#))

THE BIG IDEA

Loving someone means giving them what is required no matter the cost. This week, we finish the story of Ruth as we look at her kinsman-redeemer, Boaz, and his example of this costly love. By knowing what was required of him and applying that knowledge wisely, Boaz acted lovingly and left a rich example for us.

START A CONVERSATION (Use this to begin a Conversation that Matters with your kids, co-workers, spouse, or someone in line at the grocery store. Then, [tell us about it.](#))

- When has loving someone cost you something?

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- Consider Richard's example of the roadside merge warning in your own relationships. In what way(s) are you taking every square inch of open road instead of loving others by giving up your own best interest?
- What things do you owe your fellow believers? How are you doing at giving them these things in love?
- What things do you owe those who don't know Jesus? Which of these is easy for you to give, and which require more effort?
- What are you owed by those around you? How do you respond when you don't get what you're owed?

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- Loving someone doesn't mean you always like them. Loving someone means you give what is due them regardless of how you feel about them. Dr. Martin Lloyd-Jones helps us see [the different motivations behind loving and liking](#).
- Jon Bloom argues that the most loving thing we can do for others is [love God the most](#).
- Boaz is an excellent picture of sacrificial love that we can learn a lot from. But most importantly, Boaz helps us see the love of Jesus as our kinsman-redeemer. The story of Boaz, like the rest of the Old Testament, ultimately [points us forward to Jesus](#).
- The book of Ruth consistently reminds us that [God redeems sinners and makes beautiful things come out of their sin](#).

LIVE IN LOVE THIS WEEK

From the Old Testament (Deuteronomy 6) to the New (Matthew 22; Mark 12), we read that we owe God all that we are. This is how we love him—by giving him every bit of our lives. This week, take stock of your life from possessions to relationships and emotions to habits. How are you doing at submitting every part of your life to God? In what way(s) is God calling you to greater love this week? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you love him more. And share your inventory with someone you trust that they might pray with you.