

## Awe

### Part 2-Standing in Awe of God's Redemption

#### The Book of Ruth

#### Ruth was in a desperate situation...

##### 1. She was a WOMAN in an ancient man-centered culture.

*Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. Ruth 1:3-4 NIV*

*Boaz asked the overseer of his harvesters, "Who does that young woman belong to?" Ruth 2:5 NIV*

##### 2. She was a WIDOW with no true protection.

*After they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband. Ruth 1:4-5 NIV*

##### 3. She was a FOREIGNER among God's chosen people.

*So Naomi returned from Moab accompanied by Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, arriving in Bethlehem as the barley harvest was beginning. Ruth 1:22 NIV*

*At this, she bowed down with her face to the ground. She asked him, "Why have I found such favor in your eyes that you notice me—a foreigner?" Ruth 2:10 NIV*

#### Because of these things, Ruth was HELPLESS, and she needed to be RESCUED from her circumstances.

*"Don't call me Naomi," she told them. "Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter. I went away full, but the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi? The LORD has afflicted me; the Almighty has brought misfortune upon me." Ruth 1:20-21 NIV*

**How is this a picture of our situation?**

- 1. The change of circumstances for Naomi and Ruth represents the FALL of MANKIND in the Garden of Eden.**

*I went away full, but the LORD has brought me back empty. Ruth 1:21 NIV*

- 2. Just as Ruth was drawn to the fields of Boaz, Christ draws us to His LOVE.**

*So she went out, entered a field and began to glean behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she was working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelek. Ruth 2:3 NIV*

- 3. Just as Ruth humbled herself at the feet of Boaz, sinners HUMBLE themselves at the feet of Jesus.**

*Ruth approached quietly, uncovered his feet and lay down. In the middle of the night something startled the man; he turned—and there was a woman lying at his feet! Ruth 3:7-8 NIV*

- 4. Just as Boaz redeemed Ruth, Christ REDEEMS all who call on Him.**

*I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, Mahlon's widow, as my wife, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property, so that his name will not disappear from among his family or from his hometown. Today you are witnesses!" Ruth 4:10 NIV*

- 5. Just as Ruth was given a position as the wife of Boaz, we are given a NEW IDENTITY as a redeemed son or daughter of Christ.**

*So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. Ruth 4:13*

**Are we willing to humble ourselves at the feet of Jesus?**

**Have we been redeemed and given a new identity in Christ?**

**What do you really want?**