

The Redeemer & Restorer Of Life – Ruth 4:13-22

The Lord works with those who build bridges of hesed to help redeem and restore full lives.

Intro. - הֵסֶד (hesed) is a **loyal compassionate love** expressing itself as **magnanimous acts of kindness** to those in need.

I. The Lord Is Working Providentially With Us To Build Bridges Of Hesed - Ruth 4:13-14

- Ruth 4:14, Romans 8:28 (NIV)
- 1. Natural Laws – Ruth 1:6; 4:13
- 2. Chance Encounters – Ruth 2:3, 4; 4:1

II. The Lord Works Through Our Hesed To Redeem Those Without Hope – Ruth 4:14

No hope - Ruth 1:12-13

Hesed (1:8) → Redeemer (2:20; 3:9-10) → Hope – (4:14)

III. The Lord Works Through Our Hesed to Restore Life For Those Who Are Empty – Ruth 4:15-17

Emptiness - Ruth 1:19-21 “returned me back empty”

Great Reversal – Ruth 4:15-17 “a returner of life”

Devotional :

1. Naomi’s bitterness towards God and hopelessness squelched her hesed living at the beginning of the story. Is anything shrinking your world of hesed that keeps your soul from living large in its generous acts of kindness, courageous witness of the gospel, or generous forgiveness of others?
2. For whom can you pray the Lord will bless with His hesed?
3. Where do you see God providentially working?
4. How can you build a bridge of hesed to help redeem & restore life to someone you know?

IV. Jesus Our King, Redeemer, & Restorer – Ruth 4:18-22

King – Judges 21:25, Ruth 4:22, Matthew 1:5-6a, 16; 2:1-2
Redeemer - Titus 2:14
Restorer - John 10:10

Responsive Reading – Psalm 103:1-5