

God's At Work Even When We Don't See It: An Exposition

of Ruth and Esther #6

From Empty To Full and Overflowing!

Ruth 4:13-22

I. In the Lives of Ruth and Boaz VS 13

"So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son."

- A.** Marriage
- B.** Joy
- C.** Son
- D.** Only God could do it!

II. In Naomi VS 14-17

"Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! 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 borne him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David."

- A.** From bitter to thankful
- B.** It is clear to others
- C.** Not what you don't have
- D.** But what you do have
- E.** A grandson who will care for you

F. A daughter-in-law – better than seven sons

G. His nurse

H. His name – one who will care for you

III. To Israel And The World VS 18-22

"Now these are the descendants of Perez: Perez became the father of Hezron, Hezron of Ram, Ram of Amminadab, Amminadab of Nahshon, Nahshon of Salmon, Salmon of Boaz, Boaz of Obed, Obed of Jesse, and Jesse of David."

- A.** David – Israel's greatest King
- B.** Messiah – Matthew 1:2-16

IV. Thoughts

- A.** If we will let God work in our lives He will fill us up, no matter where we start or what happens along the way.
- B.** An amazing story because we could never figure this out
- C.** God's work is more of a process than an event
- D.** Philippians 1:6
"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ."
 - The long view