

## Communion Meditation

Deuteronomy 25.5-10

Series: Ruth "Brotherly Duty"

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### Levirate Marriage

- Widow to marry unmarried brother-in-law – "levir"
  - **Read Gen 38.6-11** ~ Tamar marries Er, then Onan (not Shelah)
  - **Read Ruth 1.11** ~ Naomi speaks of them marrying future sons
- Law served two purposes – 1) perpetuates line, 2) provides for widows

### v5a ~ "brothers are living together"

- Not literally the same house / but the same community
- **v5b** ~ "his widow must not marry outside the family"
  - Marriage forbidden / not mandated ~ Widows right to pursue it
- **v6** ~ "son .. shall carry on the name of the dead brother"
  - Not allowing a male branch to die off was very important
  - Inheritance laws established by God / Very important

### 4 Roles of "kinsman-redeemer"

- 1) Marry widow to carry on brother's name and provide for her (**Deu 25**)
- 2) Purchase fellow Hebrews out of bondage to foreigner (**Lev 25**)
- 3) Closest in kin was to inherit property (son, daughter, brother) (**Num 27**)
- 4) Avenger of blood in case of wrongful death (**Num 37**)

### Jesus is ultimate Kinsman-Redeemer

- Boaz and Ruth are in the lineage of Jesus – so are Judah and Tamar
- Read excerpt from "Tools of Dominion" by Gary North
  - pg 228 ~ "We know that we are in .. no divided family loyalties"

### Boaz promised Ruth that he would serve as her kinsman-redeemer

He was promising to rescue her from a life of poverty and want

We may not fully recognize our poverty and want – worse off than Ruth

But Jesus has promised to rescue those that turn to Him as Ruth did Boaz

Jesus fulfills every aspect of a kinsman-redeemer to those that turn to Him in faith

He promises us 1) rescue from bondage of sin, 2) vengeance upon enemies,

3) a glorious inheritance (**Rom 8**), and 4) we'll take His name in marriage