

“Many Are the Plans in the Mind of a Man,
But it is the Purpose of the Lord That Will Stand”
Ruth 3:13-4:6; Proverbs 19:21

- (Ruth 3:14-18) *“But if he is not willing to redeem you, then, as the LORD lives, I will redeem you.”*
 - Boaz’s “Christlikeness” meant he was a man of the Word and his word.
 - The Christian let’s their yes be yes and their no be no (Matthew 5:33-37; James 5:12). A Christian will strive to do according to the words that come out of their mouth (Numbers 30:1-2). A Christian will not delay in doing what they said they were going to do (Deuteronomy 23:21-23). A Christian will repent when they don’t keep their word (Leviticus 5:3-5; Ephesians 4:29-31). A Christian will always keep in mind they will be judged for every idle word (Matthew 12:36-37).
- (Ruth 4:1-2) *“Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there.”*
 - The gate of the city is where the elders of the city would sit (Deuteronomy 25:7-9). Public business (Genesis 23:10-11; Genesis 34:20-24) would take place, conversations would be had (Psalm 127:5; Proverbs 31:23; Job 29:7-10) and justice would be administered (Amos 5:10; Deuteronomy 22:15-16; Joshua 20:4-6) at the city gate. The elders were there to be witnesses of the words that were spoken and the agreements that were made for public accountability to keep your word.
- (Ruth 4:3-6) *“And he said I will redeem it.” / “I cannot redeem it for myself.” / “Lest I impair my own inheritance.”*
 - This man’s plans were not God’s plans (Proverbs 19:21). This man’s desire to add to his estate was compromised by the addition of Ruth. This would not be a benefit for his sons but instead would be a loss of funds, land, and could add conflict to his current marriage. The act of being a kinsman redeemer was truly a selfless act; it was an act of mercy and grace; it was an exhibition of the love of God.

“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God. (Leviticus 19:9-10)

- The kindness of Boaz: He told Ruth to not go and glean in any other fields (Ruth 2:8). He offered her protection (Ruth 2:9 & 2:22-23). He offered her drink as she labored (Ruth 2:9). He offered her lunch (Ruth 2:14). He allowed Ruth to glean, not just at the edge of his fields, but among the sheaves (Ruth 2:15-16). He invited her to glean from his fields for both the barley and wheat harvests (Ruth 2:23).

“Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” (Acts 20:35) “He who loves his wife loves himself.” (Ephesians 5:28) “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.” (John 13:34)

- The kindness of the christian: In humility we count others more significant than ourselves (Philippians 2:3-4). We are tenderhearted and forgive one another (Ephesians 4:32). We use our freedom in Christ as an opportunity to serve one another (Galatians 5:13). We are called to love those who don’t love us (Luke 6:32-36). We outdo one another in showing honor (Romans 12:10). We contribute to the needs of the saints and show hospitality (Romans 12:13). We overcome evil with good (Romans 12:21). We lay our lives down for our wives (Ephesians 5:25). We submit to one another out of reverence for Christ (Ephesians 5:21). We should be willing to die for the work of Christ (Philippians 2:30).

Worship: What a Friend We Have in Jesus (Various Artists) Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor (Matt Boswell)

Service Times: Sundays: Revelation Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

Doxology: "Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and He is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and joy are in His place." (1 Chronicles 16:23-27)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus –

Various Artists

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer;

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor –

Matt Boswell

Christ the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm
When the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn
In the suffering, in the sorrow when my sinking hopes are few
I will hold fast to the anchor it shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on
when temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won
deeper still then goes the anchor though I justly stand accused
I will hold fast to the anchor it shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief
Hopeless, somehow, o my soul now lift your eyes to calvary
This my ballast of assurance see His love forever proved
I will hold fast to the anchor it shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death
When these trials give way to glory and we draw our final breath
We will cross that great horizon clouds behind and life secure
And the calm will be the better for the storms that we endure

Christ the sure of our salvation ever faithful, ever true
We will hold fast to the Anchor it shall never be removed