

# Tithes and Offerings



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CHURCH OF  THE NAZARENE



Order of Worship

8 October 2023

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

## **We Gather to Worship God**

Welcome

Worship in Song

Call to Worship

## **We Listen to the Word**

Prayer

Sermon Series: The Bachelorette

Sermon: "Episode 5 - Cliffhanger"

## **We Come to the Table**

Prayer of Confession and Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

We Eat and Drink Together

We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song

Prayer

## **We Go to Live in the Reign of God**

Community Life

Gossiping the Good Stuff

Doxology

Blessing and Sending

\*Words to music, responsive readings and  
The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen\*



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## Doggy Bag- Some questions to chew on:



1. What part of this message resonates the most with you and why?
2. Do you agree that "invitations of God always involve sacrifice?" How have you seen this in your life?
3. Have you ever had to give up something in order to do the right thing? How did God help you ?
4. What does it look like to be faithful and trust God with the fruitfulness ?
5. What present loss, fear, and/or cost do you need to look beyond and take a step to trust God's bigger story of redemption ?
6. What seems impossible right now that you need to surrender to God ?

## The Bachelorette "Episode #5– Cliffhanger" Pastor Kris Beckert

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Ruth Chapter 4 is an Episode of \_\_\_\_\_

### So far in the story...

- Chapter 1: Ruth experiences heartbreak, loss, and pain
- Chapter 2: Ruth works, waits and serves
- Chapter 3: Ruth initiates and trusts
- Kinsman-redeemer =

*Ruth 3:18 Then Naomi said, "Wait, my daughter, until you find out what happens. For the man will not rest until the matter is settled today."*

### True Sacrifice Asks:

1. What's the \_\_\_\_\_ thing to do?

*Ruth 4:1 Meanwhile Boaz went up to the town gate and sat down there just as the kinsman-redeemer he had mentioned came along. Boaz said, "Come over here, my friend, and sit down." So he went over and sat down.*

- Town gate—
- "My friend" – *ploni almoni* –

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## 2. What's in \_\_\_\_\_ hands and what's in \_\_\_\_\_ hands?

Ruth 4:3-4 Then he said to the kinsman-redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from Moab, is selling the piece of land that belonged to our relative Elimelek. <sup>4</sup> I thought I should bring the matter to your attention and suggest that you buy it in the presence of these seated here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, do so. But if you will not, tell me, so I will know. For no one has the right to do it except you, and I am next in line." "I will redeem it," he said.

- Significance of Boaz's grandfather—

Ruth 4:5 Then Boaz told him, "Of course, your purchase of the land from Naomi also requires that you marry Ruth, the Moabite widow. That way she can have children who will carry on her husband's name and keep the land in the family."

- The land comes with \_\_\_\_\_
- The "spirit of the Law"—

Ruth 4:6 "Then I can't redeem it," the kinsman redeemer replied, "because this might endanger my own estate. You redeem the land; I cannot do it."

- He turns down the deal because \_\_\_\_\_
- He is not named because \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Will I trust in God's \_\_\_\_\_?

Ruth 4:8-10 So the kinsman-redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it yourself." And he removed his sandal. <sup>9</sup> Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses that I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelek, Kilion and Mahlon. <sup>10</sup> 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!"

- Not about what Ruth and Boaz are \_\_\_\_\_ but what they are \_\_\_\_\_
- It's a rescue story not of \_\_\_\_\_
- It's a rescue story of \_\_\_\_\_
- Ruth and Boaz join \_\_\_\_\_ in the rescue mission

**Big Idea:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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