

**The Family that Prepares the Way for the King**  
**(Ruth 1-4)**

**Intro & Review:** In this series called: “**Ruth: A Story of Romance and Redemption**” we’ve seen that God is Faithful Even When Our Faith Falts. We’ve seen that when we try to handle our problems our way instead of God’s way – we run into problems! We saw Ruth’s conversion from her Moabite paganism to being a follower of Jehovah, the God of the Hebrews. That beautiful quote in 1:16-17 is an expression of Ruth’s faith and decision to follow the One, True and Living God! We saw that God is in Control, But We Have a Role. We saw that Real Love is a Choice and that it flows out of God’s faithful, covenant love that expresses itself in kindness for us! But, we also saw that this covenant, gracious love can also be expressed in the kindness that we show to others.

Today we’re going to see the characteristics of this family that is used by God to prepare the way of the king! This whole beautiful story is built on **integrity and trust**. Each person in this family shows true godly character in how they each did the right, next thing and put the needs and concerns of the other first!

**The Big Idea:** The relationship of a family that ushers in King Jesus is characterized by integrity and trust!

**A. Acts of kindness**

- 1.Naomi’s Kindness to Ruth (1:6-15)**
- 2.Ruth’s Kindness to Naomi (1:16-17; 2:2-3)**
- 3.Boaz’s Kindness to Ruth (2:4-16)**
- 4.Naomi’s Counsel to Ruth (3:1-4)**
- 5.Ruth’s Response (3:5)**
- 6.Ruth’s Kindness to Boaz by Her Request for His Favor (3:6-9)**
- 7.Boaz’s Response in Kindness and in Promise (3:10-15)**
- 8.Boaz’s Integrity to Carry Out His Promise (4)**

**B. Examples from Experience**

**C. Applications**

- 1.Develop trust and integrity in your personal life! Choose to Do the right, next thing! Choose to do the loving thing!**
- 2.Do Something Kind for a family member or co-worker this week.**
- 3.Decide to make your home a safe haven where Christ is honored and glorified.**
- 4.If you’ve been away from the Lord, come back home, today!**
- 5.If you’ve never known the Lord, come to him today!**