

Sermon Outline

A NAME FOR THE NAMELESS | Nick O'Neil

Bible readings: Ruth 4:9-22 & Matthew 1:1-6a

1. A Longing for a Name

- a. "Make History"
- b. It's not just uni students...
- c. Ruth and namelessness

2. The Crisis: Namelessness

- a. Elimelec's death (1:3-5; 4:5)
- b. Ruth the Moabitess (1:4; 2:2, 6, 10)
- c. "Mara" (1:20)

"Don't call me Naomi," she told them. "Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter."

Ruth 1:20

3. The Hope: Name and Fame (4:9-16)

- a. Elimelech remembered
- b. Moabitess mother of Israel
- c. Mara to Naomi

4. The Twist: Boaz and Ruth > Elimelek (4:17-22)

- a. Obed, Jesse and David

- b. The God of History

- c. Finding a name in God's story

5. The End: Bearing the Name above Names

- a. Jesus' Name

"Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Philippians 2:9-11

- b. Ruth's Name

- c. Our Name: Christian

"So then, no more boasting about human leaders! All things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God."

1 Corinthians 3:21-23

"However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name."

1 Peter 4:16

6. Finding ourselves in the Name Above Names