

# Sermon Outline

## SPREAD THE CORNER OF YOUR GARMENT OVER ME | Nick O'Neil

Bible reading: Ruth 3:1-4:12

### 1. Helpless and vulnerable

### 2. Kinsman Redeemers (2:20)

*"If one of your fellow Israelites becomes poor and sells some of their property, their nearest relative is to come and redeem what they have sold."*

Leviticus 25:25

*"If brothers are living together and one of them dies without a son, his widow must not marry outside the family. Her husband's brother shall take her and marry her and fulfill the duty of a brother-in-law to her. The first son she bears shall carry on the name of the dead brother so that his name will not be blotted out from Israel."*

Deuteronomy 25:5-6

### 3. Naomi's dicey plan (3:1-4)

- a. An opportunity
- b. What is Naomi thinking? (cf. Genesis 19:30-38)

### 4. Ruth goes off-script (3:6-9)

- a. Following the plan
- b. "Spread the Corner of Your Garment Over Me"

### 5. Boaz is willing to redeem (3:10-18)

### 6. Boaz is able to redeem (4:1-12)

### 7. What was God saying to Israel?

- a. Faithfulness leads to blessing, even for outsiders
- b. But faithlessness, not faithfulness, prevails

### 8. What is God saying to us?

- a. God the Redeemer of Israel

*"But now, this is what the LORD says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine."*

Isaiah 43:1

*"I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you."*

Isaiah 44:22

*"For your Maker is your husband— the LORD Almighty is his name— the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth."*

Isaiah 54:5

b. Jesus the Redeemer of the world

*But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to **redeem** those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.*

Galatians 4:4-5

c. Ruth teaches us ...

i. How helpless we are before God

ii. That our redemption depends on Jesus' willingness and ability