

Sermon Notes

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Main Texts: Matthew 1:1-7

Aim: TO FURTHER ILLUSTRATE THE REDEEMING POWER & GLORY OF JESUS CHRIST.

Sermon Description: Ruth was not the only unlikely bride in the line of Christ. Our last message on Lot's legacy was titled: "A Bitter End?". The answer by all immediate indications is a resounding yes, until you follow his compromised lineage all the way through to the Moabite, Ruth, for which a book of the Bible is named. In the redemption of Ruth, we find the glories of salvation magnified in spite of a legacy marked by drunken incest. With the wide angle lens of scripture zooming out we see hope visiting even the Moabites in Ruth's story. Zooming out further still, we find in Matthew's lineage of Jesus Himself that Ruth is not alone in this theme of redemption visiting those whom most would consider "damaged goods". In the lineage of Jesus, four women are mentioned who share this theme in common. They are the only women mentioned until we read that Joseph was the husband of Mary in verse 16. Their featured place in this lineage not only serves to magnify the glories of redemption in spite of the legacy of drunken incest, but also in spite of abandonment, deception and fornication (Tamar), gentile prostitution (Rahab), and adulterous murder and betrayal (Bathsheba). Directly or indirectly, the honor of each of these women was tainted in some way – nevertheless through them the seed of the Messiah was secured which would ultimately secure their own eternal hope. Imagine the Hymn: "Amazing Grace" on the lips of each of these women.

Providence Community Church

Title: CHRISTIAN SUFFERING

--worship text: Luke 1:46-55--

Heading: THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD CAME...

1. BY TAMAR (Genesis 38:6-7, 11. 12-18, 24-26)

- a. Widow by judgement
- b. Denied redemption
- c. Lineage secured?

2. BY RAHAB (Josh 2:1-2, 9-14, 6:22-25)

- a. Pagan prostitute
- b. Despising the city
- c. Boaz's mother (Mat 1:5)

3. BY RUTH (Ruth 4:1-22)

- a. Widow by providence
- b. Moabite lineage
- c. Bethlehem redeemer

4. BY THE WIFE OF URIAH (BATHSHEBA) (II Sam 11:14-27)

- a. Widow by murder
- b. Queen by adultery (11:2-5)
- c. Covenant son (12:24)
- d. Application (Rev 21:1-6)

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Tamar	Rahab	Ruth	Bathsheba	Jesus	Next Week
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	

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Genesis 38

Joshua 2

Ruth 4

II Sam 11:14-27

MaT 1:1-21

I Pet 4:7-19
