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Revelation 5:1-14
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Food For Thought

For the week of August 29, 2010

(Questions and Scriptures for further personal study)

1. Redemption means to restore (or buy back) that which has been lost. Because Ruth was a Moabite, and was therefore associated with idolatry, she was “unacceptable” to the Israelites in many ways. Even though Boaz could have rejected Ruth, he chose to “redeem” her instead. As you read Ruth 3:7-17, consider Boaz’s kindness, acceptance and provision for Ruth. In what ways does Ruth’s interaction with Boaz resemble our own redeeming interaction with God?

2. The writers of Scripture occasionally use metaphors or imagery to help us better understand the truth they are communicating. In Ruth 2:11-13, Boaz prayed that Ruth would find refuge “under the wings” of God. How do the following Psalms help you better understand what it means to be under God’s wings?

Psalm 17:6-9

Psalm 36:5-7

Psalm 57:1-3

Psalm 63:2-8

3. Ruth didn’t have much to offer by her world’s standards. She was a bereaved widow living in a foreign land with foreign rules. One thing she did bring to the table was her humility. Ruth was rewarded for her character, obedience and humility. How do you see humility being rewarded in the following verses?

1 Peter 5:5-7

Proverbs 15:33

Luke 14:8-11

Thomas Aquinas wrote, “If you are looking for an example of humility, look at the cross.” How could Christ’s example and the story of Ruth help you move toward humility in your own life? Can you think of a place where you could use a healthy dose of humility?