

A Packaged Covenant!
Ruth 4: 1ff

Providence – is the often unnoticed hand of Jesus guiding us into His purposes as we simply live life.

Redeemer – is person who recovers something or someone who is lost by satisfying their debt.

***Humanity is divided between two types of character:
Redeemers and So and So's.***

***Redeemers are intent to share their redemption. So
and So's just don't care.***

Redeemers are insistent on rendering honor to those who fail. So and So's just want to use them.

Redeemers build the house of God which is the church. So and So's build their own ministries.

- Where in my life right now do I sense the providential hand of God? Am I being awakened to God's purposes in some area of my life that I hadn't noticed? How am I responding to God?
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- According to this morning's criteria, to what extent am I a redeemer and to what extent am I a So and So? How can I recalibrate my life into sharing the redemptive power of Jesus? Is building the church anywhere near the importance to me as it is to Jesus?

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- Do I have some repenting to do because I feel that I just don't have the energy to care for others anymore?. Have I become embittered and then made peace with my bitterness and disappointment? Am I satisfied just to live for myself?
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- In the end, the Book of Ruth culminates in miracles. As I ponder how God might be providentially working in my life, what specific miracle do I need?