

**Series: Redeemed from Ruin (the Book of Ruth)**

**Sermon: You're Not a Loser**

**Bible Verses: Ruth 3:11-4:22 and Psalm 37**

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Good people \_\_\_\_\_ what they want, bad guys \_\_\_\_\_ what they want.

**THE "GOOD" GUY:**

-Boaz regularly \_\_\_\_\_ in need. The people in charge of his field automatically knew it was okay to let beggars come and take some of his crops.

-Boaz didn't \_\_\_\_\_ that wasn't his, even though he wanted it.

-Boaz treated Ruth with tenderness and respect (even protecting her \_\_\_\_\_).

-Boaz is also extremely \_\_\_\_\_, even when he doesn't have to be.

-Boaz was \_\_\_\_\_, even when it endangered what he wanted.

**THE "NOT GOOD" GUY:**

-Someone else wouldn't help someone in need - they'd still have their barley/ \_\_\_\_\_!

-They might have taken \_\_\_\_\_ of Ruth and her situation (maybe even bragged about it).

-They wouldn't be so generous - they'd have \_\_\_\_\_ after the harvest paychecks.

-They would've taken the \_\_\_\_\_ - even if it didn't belong to them.

-They may not have been completely honest - and ended up with what \_\_\_\_\_.

REALITY: evil people \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ no matter how much cool stuff they had on Earth.

**Candy is \_\_\_\_\_, but hell ain't so \_\_\_\_\_.**

I just do the \_\_\_\_\_, and trust that, even when I see storm clouds, if I'm in God's will I'm in safe pasture - \_\_\_\_\_.

God will \_\_\_\_\_, eventually, and I will be vindicated (or 'found out')!

**Conclusion: bad people lose and those who trust God win, in the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ of the time.**

Make a decision: I believe in Jesus and trust him for the \_\_\_\_\_, or I don't trust him for the long-game?

Action to take: write down what choice you are facing right now, and what decisions you \_\_\_\_\_ make. Which decision is most pleasing to God, even though it may be \_\_\_\_\_?

**Growth Group prep**

- Read Psalm 37:7. Which word would you highlight, and why?
- Read Psalm 37:8-9. We're instructed here to avoid anger, wrath, and fret. In the context of watching evil people succeed, what would the problem be with each of those?
- In Psalm 37:9 it talks about *land*. Do you know what the significance was for Israel and the promise land? What would this verse mean?