



## At the Redeemer's Feet

### Kickoff Program

**OBJECTIVE:** Women will be introduced to the 2008-2009 PWOC theme and verse which illustrates that Jesus is our Kinsman-Redeemer. They will be challenged to lay every part of their lives at the Redeemer's feet.

**SCRIPTURAL EMPHASIS:** Ruth 4:14-15a *The women said to Naomi: "Praise be to the Lord, who this day has not left you without a kinsman-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age."*

**DECORATIONS:** Use brown paper as tablecloths to represent the threshing floor where Ruth asked Boaz to be her Kinsman-Redeemer. Decorate with wheat, grass, grains, or dried leaves. Stay with earthy tones and keep it simple. Add crosses in a variety of sizes and colors to be the focal points.

**FAVOR:** 2008-2009 logo magnet. See attached.

**MIXER:** Ask women to form small groups of three or four and answer the following questions. Print the questions in the program or on cards placed on each table.

- a. What is involved in risk taking?
- b. What circumstances might cause you to take a risk?
- c. Share about a time when you took a risk. What was the outcome?

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** Ask someone to sing, sign, or do an interpretive dance to "Redeemer" by Nicole C. Mullins.

**MUSIC:** "You Are My King," "There is a Redeemer," "My Redeemer Lives," "I Will Sing of My Redeemer," "The More I Seek You."

**DEVOTIONAL EMPHASIS:** Use the story of Ruth and Naomi taking the risk of asking Boaz to be their kinsman-redeemer to illustrate *our* need to depend on Jesus as *our* Kinsman-Redeemer. Ruth's life is a picture of the choices we make and the circumstances that follow. It shows us that none of us is ever in a situation beyond God's ability to redeem. Ruth had first come into Boaz's land in the wake of tragedy. Then she came into his fields in the heat of the day looking for food. Finally, in a quest for redemption, realizing her situation was beyond her own abilities to fix, Ruth risked her reputation and rejection as she lay at Boaz's feet in the middle of the night to get the help she needed. Ruth's act of seeking out her redeemer and requesting his covering is symbolic of what we ask of Christ as our Redeemer.

Once we have received the covering Jesus offers, we must continually stay at His feet to understand our Redeemer's plans and purposes for our lives. As we do, our relationship grows and deepens. We begin to trust Him more completely, even as He encourages us to step out more boldly, taking the risk of giving every part of our lives to Him. The more we find Him trustworthy, the more eagerly we step out in obedience, laying aside our fears and facing each challenge with anticipation. Each of us must weigh the risk of reaching out and accepting our Redeemer's covering. Our risks may be different from what Ruth and Naomi faced, but no less challenging. Encourage women to take the risk. Share personal testimonies or examples of how God blessed people who were willing to lay everything at the Redeemer's feet. As it says in Ruth 4:15a - "He will renew your life and sustain you..."

Two suggestions for reference material for this devotion are: Kay Arthur's Bible study, Lord Is it Warfare, which includes two chapters on the topic of Jesus as our Kinsman-Redeemer and the book Sister Freaks, by Rebecca St. James, which is filled with stories of women who accepted the challenge and risked everything for their Redeemer.

MENU: Breads, crackers, fondues, dips, spreads.

AGENDA: Suggested agenda based on two hour time frame (adjust to fit your schedule)

- 0930 Welcome and brief announcements
- 0940 Mixer
- 0950 Intro board members
  - Intro Bible studies
  - Intro theme and verse for 08-09
- 1010 Praise and worship
- 1025 Speaker
- 1050 Special Music
- 1055 Closing/Blessing
- 1100 Sign up for Bible studies/lunch



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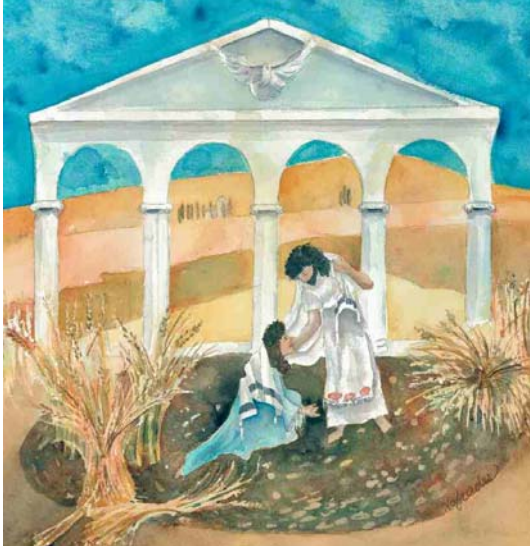
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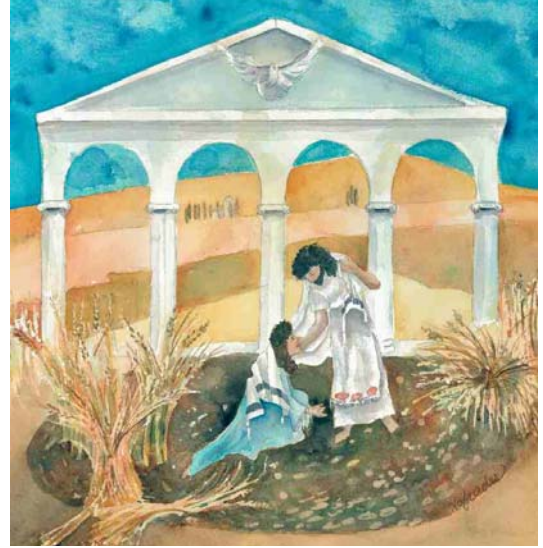
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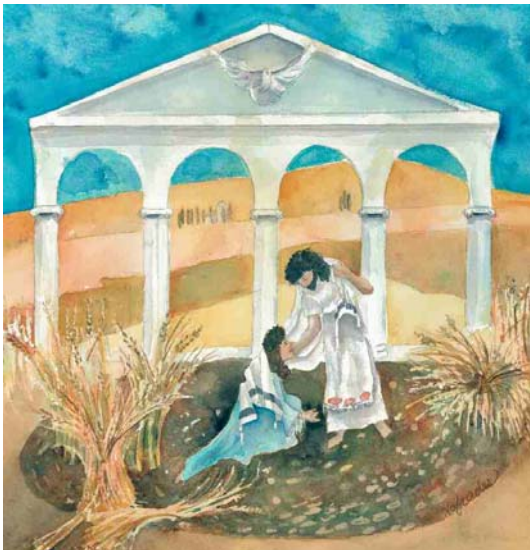
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Copy and cut out the favors. If desired glue onto a bit larger  
piece of cardstock. Attach magnet to back.



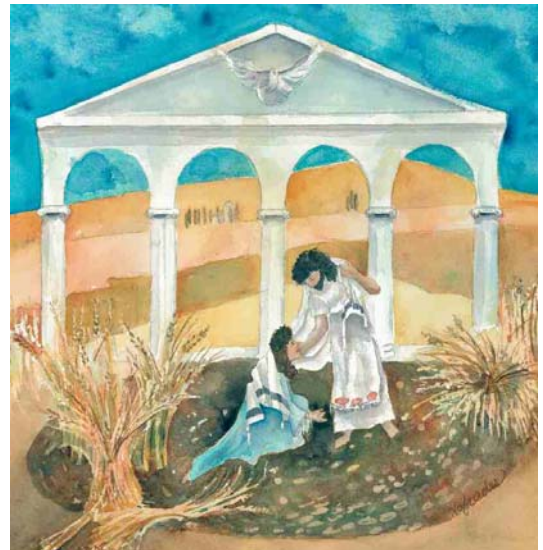
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