

Unlike Everyone Else

(based on Pastor Tim Howey’s message, “Unlike Everyone Else: Ruth & Boaz”)

Following Jesus makes you unlike everyone else.

- Jesus compared the true disciple’s life to the narrow gate vs. the broad gate of the world, **Mat 7:13-14**.
- Paul told us not to be conformed to the world in our thinking, **Rom 12:2**.
- Today’s culture is similar to what was happening during Ruth’s time. Everyone did that which was right in their own eyes, **Jdg 21:25**. Just as Ruth was a ray of hope in that sad story, you can be a ray of hope to those around you.

1-Letting God guide where you live

- Ruth was determined to go with Naomi and follow God, **Ruth 1:1-17**.
- When you are deciding where to live, do you pray, listen to God, and go where He says to live?

2-Letting God guide what you do and how

- Ruth learned and believed the promises God made, **Lev 19:10, Ruth 2:2-7**.
- Are you learning and believing the promises God has made to guide you and provide for you?

3-Letting God guide you on who to marry or not to marry

- Boaz was impressed with how Ruth was following God’s plan instead of her own, **Ruth 3:9-11, Pro 31:10**. Boaz also wanted to do things God’s way.
- When it comes to marrying (or not marrying), do you let God guide you?

4-Leaving the results to God

- Boaz and Ruth wanted to get married, but only if it was God’s plan, **Ruth 4:1-6**.
- Whatever it is that you want to happen, do you leave the results to God?

Only True Redeemer

If you are a Christ-follower, Boaz pictures Jesus pursuing you. Only Jesus can redeem people, **Ruth 4:6, Rom 3:24, Gal 3:13-14, Heb 9:12, Rev 5:9**.

Self-Assessment: Going Full Ruth

How true are the following statements for you?

	not true <----->totally true
I am conforming my thinking to align with God’s Word. Rom 12:2	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
I am living my life the way that God wants. Mat 7:13-14	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
It is more important to me to please God than to please people. Gal 1:10	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

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