

# BE FAMOUS

## Ruth 4:9-11

**Introduction:** This passage is when Boaz took Ruth as his bride but he had to purchase her from the closest kinsman. We do not understand this but that was how they did it in that day. But there is a part of this passage that I want to make reference. In verse eleven is a word that I want to make as an important part of the message. It is famous. Ruth was famous by who came from her father down the road. It was the Lord Jesus.

It is a rarity for people not to want to be famous. This is why so many reality television shows are on. I have never watched "American Idol" but the only reason why people want to be on the show is that they want to be famous. This is nothing but sinful pride. But that is not the focus of my message today.

I have said this before but will repeat it again. This message is one of my hardest messages of the month. I have folks here from five years old to some in their eighties and very little in the middle. I spent most of my day on Monday asking the Lord to help me help both groups. As I search, I ran across this message. I knew I could be a help to both of the groups today.

Every man and woman on his or her way to heaven should be known for something. In other words, they should be famous for something. What are some things that we should be famous?

### I. BE FAMOUS FOR YOUR FAITH

Hebrews 11:6

***"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."***

Your faith stands out so powerfully here. Oh, we must believe the Book. In turn, we believe His promises. In turn, we act upon His promises. Thus we show people that we believe God for our life. In the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, we have the Hall of Faith. We see people in different situations had faith in God and now they are in the Bible for their faith. I want to name a few but for time's sake we can not spend time on each of them. We have Noah, Moses, Abraham, Sarah, Joseph and Jacob.

There are some people sitting in wheelchairs or walk with walkers that are famous for their faith. Young people, you should get to know them. Their faith in God is contagious and will encourage you to be a person of faith in God.

### II. BE FAMOUS FOR THE PURITY OF YOUR LIFE

1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:15-16

***"But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy."***

You will be out touch with the world when your life is pure for the Lord. A person who is pure in the way of life and that is what the word "conversation" in this verse means reflects the life of the Lord Jesus. Every part of the Lord Jesus' was. It was pure. There was not one area of the Lord Jesus could revealed by anything but pure. His words were pure. His way of life was pure. His wisdom was pure.

Each person should strive to be pure. By doing so, you will be famous with the Lord.

### III. BE FAMOUS FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS.

You will either be known as a "thick and thin" Christian or an unfaithful one. A "thick and thin" person who is the one that hangs around in the times that are good or bad.

What should the areas that we should be faithful. You should be faithful in your service for the Lord. You should be faithful in your attendance to church. You should be faithful in your prayer life. You should be faithful in your giving. Giving is more than tithes and offering.

In fact, faithfulness is required for the blessings of God.

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 4:2

***"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."***

The word "faithful" is found seventy-eight times in the Bible. You can never be too faithful. Peter and Paul were faithful. They are found over and over again in our Bibles. Joseph was faithful in the Old Testament. David was faithful. Ruth was faithful. This list can go on and on. This is true because the Bible shows us over and over again.

When people speak of you, what do they say of you? Will they say you are faithful or unfaithful?

The day that every one will know you were faithful or not is the day when we are in review in heaven. Will our Lord say these words ***"Well done, good and faithful servant"*** in that day? I want our Lord to say this to me in that day.

#### **IV. BE FAMOUS FOR YOUR CONCERN FOR MEN'S SOULS**

Soul winners are the most famous people in the world. I am glad I had a pastor who was a soul winner. He lead me to Christ. My pastor had a cousin who was interested in his soul. His cousin's staying after him in that day before he was saved brought Pastor Cutlip to the Lord.

Throughout the New Testament, you will find soul winners. They may not be seen but the person may have gone to hell if that person did not care for their soul.

People need the Lord and Christ tells us to do something about it. We can tell the story of Jesus and how He loved people enough to die to saved.

Romans 10:13

***"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."***

**Conclusion:** One day we will all die. No one knows what day that will be. But everyone will stand before God one day. Saved people will be glad that they are saved. But will they be famous in heaven? Will you and I be famous for our concern for souls? Will you and I be famous for our faith and faithfulness? Will we be famous for our purity of our lives.

People who die without Christ will never be famous for the Lord. They need to be saved before they are saved.

Which group will you be in? Are you saved or lost?

Are you faithful or not?