

All's Well that Ends Well

Ruth 4.1-22

family trees contain surprises

especially Jesus' Mat 1.3,5

prostitutes and foreigners

1. Consider others' interests, v1-5

➤ *first pick for another relative vs3-4*

a wife as well as land v5

outstandingly loyal 1.16-17

incredibly hardworking 2.7,17

a woman of substance 3.11

➤ *think of others first Phil 2.3-5*

2. God is no one's debtor, vs 6-8

➤ *he rewards those who do what's right Dt 6.18*

➤ *contrasting motives v6 ; Mark 8.35*
self-interest vs unselfishness

- **Christ, our kinsman redeemer**
shared our humanity Heb 2.14-15
personal sacrifice Mk 10.45
motivated by love Eph 5.25

3. Marriage: a community event, v9-10

- **witnesses required for support**
a time for all to celebrate

4. Children: a gift from God, vs11-13

- **overseen by God**
whatever the circumstances
of their birth Prov 19.21

5. Grandparents: a vital role to play, **vs 14-17**

- **in nurturing future generations**
God is working his purposes out
through our every day lives
Eph 1.9-10