

Famine impoverished the life of Naomi, an Israelite, but it was the deaths of her husband and two sons that left her completely destitute. (Ruth 1:1-5). Or so she thought, until Boaz, who was a wealthy and close relative, entered her life. As her kinsman-redeemer, Boaz married Ruth, Naomi's widowed daughter-in-law, and through that union, Naomi had a grandson. The birth of her grandson gave her a new lease of life, causing the womenfolk in her village to declare that the restorer of life and the nourisher of her old age had come into her life. (Ruth 4:14-16)

Boaz is a picture of Jesus, our Kinsman-Redeemer. Jesus became our Kinsman when He was born into this world as one like us, and He became our Redeemer when He paid with His life and blood at the Cross to redeem us. Jesus gave Himself to us as our restorer of life and nourisher of our old age. When the restorer of life is in our lives, what we have lost can be restored (Joel 2:25-26), and with the nourisher of our old age in us, our bodies can be gloriously renewed even though we advance in our years. That is why when Moses died at the age of 120, his eyes were not dim and his natural vigour was not diminished. (Deuteronomy 34:7) Caleb, at 85 years old, could still drive out the giants from the land. God had literally nourished his body and made it strong for war. (Joshua 14:11) Sarah was certainly rejuvenated in her old age by God, for she was still desirable to a king at the age of 90. (Genesis 20:1-2) God even renewed her womb. She received strength to conceive seed (Hebrews 11:11), giving birth to Isaac in her old age.

God exists outside of time, and your faith in Him brings you into this timeless zone. There, what the years have stolen will be restored. Even as your years increase, you will not grow weak and weary because the restorer of life and nourisher of your old age is in you!

Ruth 4:15 "And may He be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age..."