

## “CONGRATS!”

### RUTH 4:13-22

*Since Scripture elevates children to such an important perch (Ps. 127:3-5; 128:3-4; Prov. 17:6; Mt. 19:13-14; Mk. 9:36-37), so should every parent value them just as highly. Yes indeed, scripture provides a high view of children, even if our society doesn't always get it.*

### DIVINE BLESSINGS FROM A CHILD

#### ① He Re \_\_\_\_\_ (4:14)

Naomi and Ruth, lacking offspring, now have a boy who will \_\_\_\_\_ for them what they have lost through death but gained through his new life.

#### ② He Re \_\_\_\_\_ (4:15a)

For \_\_\_\_\_ turns in chapter one, Naomi sought to find restoration. She never did – until now with this birth.

\_\_\_\_\_ had swallowed up Naomi, but \_\_\_\_\_ had now restored Naomi.

#### ③ He Re \_\_\_\_\_ (4:15b)

This action has some pretty select company:

- ◇ God toward His \_\_\_\_\_ in the wilderness
- ◇ God toward \_\_\_\_\_ as He fed him by ravens
- ◇ God toward \_\_\_\_\_ who cast his burden on the Lord

This one boy would be quite the blessing in the short-term for Naomi and in the long-term, as the avenue through which all our \_\_\_\_\_ would be replenished.

#### ④ He Re \_\_\_\_\_ (4:16)

Naomi rediscovers life and meaning through the birth of this grandson.

He has \_\_\_\_\_ her parched soul.

#### ⑤ He Re \_\_\_\_\_ (4:17)

His name is an alternate spelling of Obadiah and means “\_\_\_\_\_.”

A \_\_\_\_\_ is not enslaved but engaged; this is exactly what this gift of a son will bring to his household

What an amazing quality that Scripture shines the spotlight on, especially with our \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 20:28; 23:11; 24:46; 25:21).

### CONCLUSION

A son is born and his name is Obed. One day a thousand years later, another Son would be born and his name is Jesus. Through this one Son, divine blessings would abound to humanity. But such blessings are only ever realized if you embrace this Son, if you believe on this Son, if you turn from your sin and turn to this Son through faith. Have you?