



FROM RUIN TO REDEMPTION

RUTH 4:1-17



Three-Act Structure

A timeless framework for crafting compelling stories.

ACT 1
SETUP
25%

ACT 2
CONFRONTATION
50%

ACT 3
RESOLUTION
25%

1

**OPENING
IMAGE**

Introduces the world
and the protagonist in
their ordinary life.

2

**INCITING
INCIDENT**

An event occurs that
disrupts the ordinary
world and sets the
story in motion.

3

**RIISING ACTION /
MIDPOINT**

The protagonist faces
obstacles and complications.
The midpoint is a major turn
that shifts the stakes.

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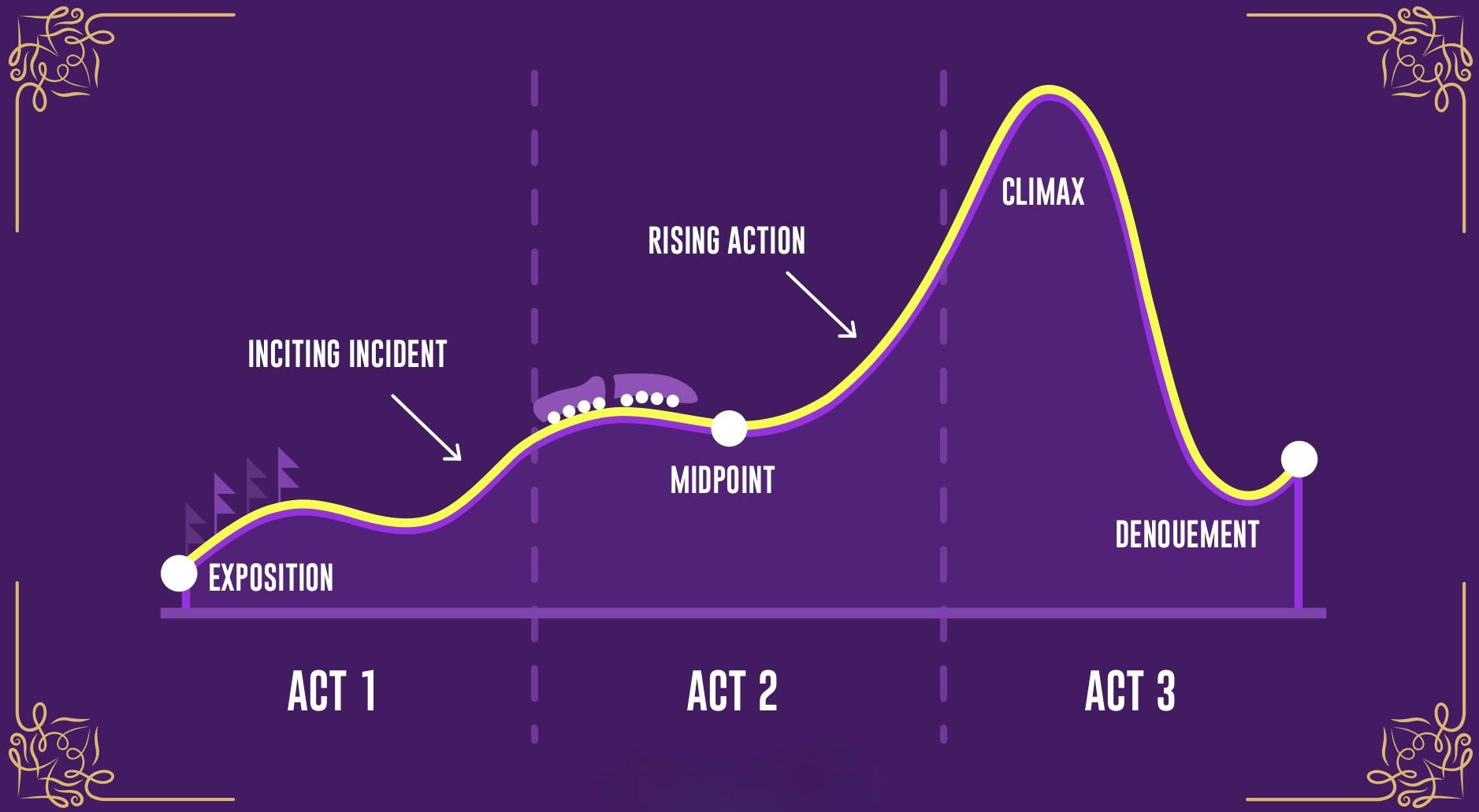
CLIMAX

The protagonist faces
their greatest challenge
in a decisive moment
of truth.

5

DENOUEMENT

The aftermath of the climax.
Loose ends are tied up
and resolution is found.



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4 Meanwhile Boaz went up to the town gate and sat down there just as the guardian-redeemer he had mentioned came along. Boaz said, 'Come over here, my friend, and sit down.' So he went over and sat down.

2 Boaz took ten of the elders of the town and said, 'Sit here,' and they did so.



³ Then he said to the guardian-redeemer,
'Naomi, who has come back from Moab, is
selling the piece of land that belonged to our
relative Elimelek. ⁴ I thought I should bring the
matter to your attention and suggest that you
buy it in the presence of these seated here
and in the presence of the elders of my
people. If you will redeem it, do so. But if you
will not, tell me, so I will know.





For no one has the right to do it except you,
and I am next in line.' 'I will redeem it,' he
said. ⁵ Then Boaz said, 'On the day you buy the
land from Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the
Moabite, the dead man's widow, in order to
maintain the name of the dead with his
property.' ⁶ At this, the guardian-redeemer
said, 'Then I cannot redeem it because I might
endanger my own estate. You redeem it
yourself. I cannot do it.'





7 Now in earlier times in Israel, for the redemption and transfer of property to become final, one party took off his sandal and gave it to the other. This was the method of legalising transactions in Israel. 8 So the guardian-redeemer said to Boaz, 'Buy it yourself.' And he removed his sandal. 9 Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people.





'Today you are witnesses that I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelek, Kilion and Mahlon. ¹⁰ I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, Mahlon's widow, as my wife, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property, so that his name will not disappear from among his family or from his home town. Today you are witnesses!' ¹¹ Then the elders and all the people at the gate said, 'We are witnesses.





May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the family of Israel. May you have standing in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem. ¹² Through the offspring the Lord gives you by this young woman, may your family be like that of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah.' ¹³ So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife.





When he made love to her, the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. ¹⁴

The women said to Naomi: 'Praise be to the Lord, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! ¹⁵ He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth.'





¹⁶ Then Naomi took the child in her arms and
cared for him. ¹⁷ The women living there said,
'Naomi has a son!' And they named him Obed.
He was the father of Jesse, the father of
David.





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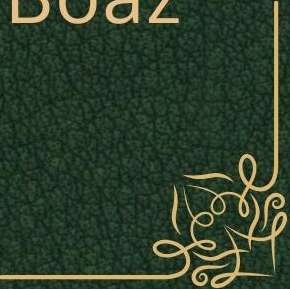






ADAM RAMSEY

In Boaz we see a self-sacrificing Christlikeness, hundreds of years before Jesus went to the cross. This is a shadow in the Old Testament. Anyone who's been married for more than a day knows that to truly love means to sacrifice yourself for another. Boaz demonstrates that sacrifice.



RUTH 4:14-15

Praise the Lord, who has now provided a redeemer for your family! May this child be famous in Israel. He shall be to you a restorer of life and care for you in your old age. For he is the son of your daughter-in-law who loves you and has been better to you than seven sons.





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