

Ruth 3:10 – 18

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[Rth 3:9 ESV]

9 He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer."

[Rth 3:10-18 ESV]

10 And he said, "May you be blessed by the LORD, my daughter. You have made this last kindness greater than the first in that you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich.

What Boaz is referring to as the first kindness, is Ruth returning home with Naomi instead of staying in her homeland, now Ruth is willing to follow the law at the time:

Talk about Mother in law

[Deuteronomy 25:5-6 ESV]

5 "If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the dead man shall not be married outside the family to a stranger. Her husband's brother shall go in to her and take her as his wife and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her.

6 And the first son whom she bears shall succeed to the name of his dead brother, that his name may not be blotted out of Israel...

Boaz is much older than Ruth, she was evidently attractive enough to become the wife of a young rich man had she choose to follow the ways of the flesh instead of the ways of God

Ruth shows faithfulness to God, and remember this was her God by marriage, the God of Israel was not the same God the Moabites worshiped at the time.

Boaz sees this in Ruth, that her faith in God has caused her to put the needs of others (Naomi) ahead of her own, had she not followed the law and married a young non-kinsman there would be no one to provide for Naomi in her old age. Even had she done this and wanted to support Naomi, her husband would not have allowed that, because it would take away the inheritance of “His children”

Due to the goodness Boaz sees in Ruth, he asks for God’s blessing on her. He also refers to her as my Daughter, a sign of respect and affection on his part.

11 And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you ask, for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman.

The Worthy woman or perfect wife

Proverbs 31 10-31

Talk about “in the Gates”

Do all that you ask, like Christ, he redeems us only if we ask.

[Luk 11:9-13 ESV]

9 And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

10 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

11 What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent;

12 or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?

13 If you then, **who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children**, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

[1Pe 1:18-19 ESV]

18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,

19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

12 And now it is true that I am a redeemer. Yet there is a redeemer nearer than I.

It is true there is a nearer kinsman than Boaz, (did Naomi know about that?) we will never know. but also notice he says he is a redeemer, for he knows the true redeemer

[Isa 54:5 ESV]

5 For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.

Talk about the foretelling of Jesus

13 Remain tonight, and in the morning, if he will redeem you, good; let him do it. But if he is not willing to redeem you, then, as the LORD lives, I will redeem you. Lie down until the morning."

Boaz makes a solemn pledge, As the Lord lives:

[Num 30:1-2 ESV]

1 Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes of the people of Israel, saying, "This is what the LORD has commanded.

2 If a man vows a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by a pledge, he shall not break his word. He shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.

There is no greater promise that Boaz could have given, then he tells Ruth to "lie down until morning"

How often do we not take that advice, we know we should have faith in the Lord but we fret and worry, that is the opposite of faith-knowing without the slightest doubt that the Lord will take care of us as he has promised

[Mat 6:30 ESV]

30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

[Mat 8:26 ESV]

26 And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

[Mat 17:20 ESV] .20 He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."

[Mat 21:22 ESV]

22 And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."

Proof of faith Quote Brother Wordsmith "if you have ever asked God for a second chance and you woke up this morning, he gave it to you.

That's the most profound thing I ever heard him say that didn't rhyme

14 So she lay at his feet until the morning, but arose before one could recognize another. And he said, "Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor."

Boaz couldn't have let Ruth leave in the middle of the night, it may not have been safe or worse yet, she might have been accused, unjustly of being a "night walking woman", one that was unworthy or impure.

That is why he said "let it not be known"

As we walk with Jesus, we need to be mindful of anything the enemy can use against us, remember with whom we are dealing with

[Eph 4:25-32 ESV]

25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,

27 and give no opportunity to the **devil**.

28 Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of **redemption**.

31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

15 And he said, "Bring the garment you are wearing and hold it out." So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley and put it on her. Then she went into the city.

Boaz shows his kindness, by sending Ruth home with an abundance of food, he is showing respect and the willing to care for both Ruth and Naomi and the law

Just as God will shower us with abundance if we follow him with **all our hearts**

[Deu 15:11 ESV]

11 For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'

16 And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, "How did you fare, my daughter?" Then she told her all that the man had done for her,

17 saying, "These six measures of barley he gave to me, for he said to me, 'You must not go back empty-handed to your mother-in-law.'"

The Six Measures

Jewish traditions say that the six measures of barley given as a gift to Ruth were a sign of six pious men who would descend from her, endowed with six spiritual gifts: David, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, Azariah, and the Messiah.

18 She replied, "Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest but will settle the matter today."