

RUTH STUDY

CHAPTER 3:6-14

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THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

The Romance of Redemption

The Gospel According to Ruth

THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"Just Say I Do"

The 'Sentence Summation' of the Text

Decision and choice are man's God given ability. To exercise choice is freedom, that if used wrong can lead to bondage. Though the choice is ours, it requires great responsibility that will eventually result in having to give an answer for our actions.

Last Week in Verses 1-5...

Ruth's First Step... *Preparing to Meet Boaz*

vv.3

"Therefore **wash** yourself and **anoint** yourself, **put on** your best garment and go down to the threshing floor

There is coming a day *"Preparing to Meet the Lord"*

The '10' Virgins

Matthew 25:1-5

"Then **the kingdom of heaven** (the church & tribulation age believers) shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. ³ Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. ⁵ But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.

So Now, the Harvest Time had come to End, it was the time of Threshing... Separating the Wheat from the Chaff

The Joy of Harvest!

Isaiah 9:3

The Lord has multiplied the nation and increased its joy; they rejoice before You according to the joy of harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

The Lord Delights in Blessing His People He Wants to Do Good to Us

Deuteronomy 16:15

"... The LORD your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you surely rejoice.

If Ruth's First Step Was... *Preparing Herself to Meet Boaz*

1.) Ruth 'Willing' Accepts Boaz' Love

vv. 6-9

Verse 6-7

So she went down to the threshing floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law instructed her. 7 And after Boaz had eaten and drank, and his heart was cheerful, **he went to lie down** at the end of the heap of grain; and **she came softly**, uncovered his feet, and lay down.

1a.) She Willfully Submits to Boaz' Love

vv. 6a

So **she went** down to the threshing floor
and **she did** according to all that her mother-in-law instructed her.

Ruth Confident of Naomi's Love for Her
Moves in Faith
...by going to the threshing floor

Ruth Convinced of Boaz' Love for Her
Acts in Obedience
...by doing what Naomi had instructed

FAITH?

Look at all the LOVE that had been given to her by Naomi

OBEDIENCE?

Look at all the LOVE that had been given to her by Boaz

FAITH & OBEDIENCE

is a no brainer when LOVE motivates the ACTIONS

She went and she did...

It's easy to do when you're sure
of God's love toward you

2 Corinthians 5:14a
For the love of Christ compels us...

Verse 7

Now after Boaz had eaten and drank, and his heart was cheerful,
(a) **She went** to lie down at the end of the heap of grain; and (b) she came softly, (c)
uncovered his feet, (d) and **lay down**.

“Submission”

Ruth Displays 4 Submissive Acts

- (a) **She went** to where he was...
- (b) she **came** softly
- (c) **she uncovered** his feet...

(d) and **she laid down...** (waited)

Hey Guys, this is For Us... all the more!!!

Ephesians 1:22

And The Father has put all things under His feet, and gave Jesus to be **head** over all things to the church,

Ephesians 5:22-25

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, **as unto the Lord**. (WHY) ²³. For the husband is **the head** of the wife, just like Christ is the head of the church... and he is **the savior** of the body.

²⁴ Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything **(that is godly)**. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and **gave himself** for it;

- **The head (ahrrr...)**
- **The savior**
- **Gave himself**

* **The Head** **GRK 2776 kephale (kef-al-ay');**
the primary kapto (in the sense of seizing of the head as the part most readily taken hold of to sacrifice or to kill as an offering)

!!! Hey, I **Die** First Around Here!!!

* **The Savior** **GRK 4990 soter (so-tare');**
a deliverer, ie. a type of God or Christ: one who rescues the others

!!! Hey, I'm the **Rescuer** Around Here!!!

* **Gave Himself** **GRK 1325 didomi (did'-o-mee);**
to commit to the task, to minister as a priest, to be numbered as an offering

!!! Hey, I'm to be **Sacrificed** First!!!

Ephesians 5:21

Submitting yourselves one to another in the **AWE** of God.

Verse 8-9

Now it happened at midnight that the man was **startled**, and **turned** himself; and there, a woman was lying at his feet. 9 And he said, "Who are you?" So she answered, "I am Ruth, your maidservant. **Take your maidservant under your wing**, for you are a close relative."

Verse 8

Now it **happened** at midnight that the man was **startled**, and **turned** himself; and there, a woman was lying at his feet.

Surprised and In the Dark

??? Could it have been someone else???

Boaz Had Chosen Ruth to Be the One He'd Love

Matthew 22:14

"For many (all are invited) are called, but few are chosen."

GOD KNOWS THOSE WHO ARE HIS

Romans 5:5-6

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. ⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Boaz Has Chosen Ruth Just as Jesus Has Chosen Us

Chosen by Him

Ephesians 1:4-5

...He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

Drawn to Him

John 6:44

"No one can come to Me... unless the Father who sent Me - draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day."

Verse 9

And he said, "Who are you?" So she answered, "I am Ruth, your maidservant. **Take your maidservant under your wing**, for you are a close relative."

Ruth had an Announcement

"I am Ruth, your maidservant."

Ruth had a Presentation

Take your maidservant under your wing,

Ruth had a Promise

for you are a close relative.

NOTICE WHAT SHE DOESN'T SAY **I'm Ruth, The Moabitess**

2.) Ruth 'Willingly' Listens to Boaz' Words	vv. 10-14
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2a.) Boaz Praises Ruth's Response	vv. 10a
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Then he said, "**Blessed** are you of the LORD, my daughter! For you have shown more kindness at the end than at the beginning, in that you did not go after young men, whether poor or rich."

2b.) Boaz Assures Ruth and her Position	vv. 11a
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"And now, my daughter, **do not fear**. I will do for you all that you request, for all the people of my town know that you are a **virtuous** woman."

In The Darkness...

...She Could Hear His Voice

Romans 10:17

So then faith (it's as darkness) comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

2c.) Boaz Encourages Ruth regarding Her Witness vv. 11b

I will do for you all that you request, for all the people of my town know that you are a **virtuous** woman.

2d.) Boaz Communicates to Ruth Reality vv. 12

"Now it is true that I am a close relative;
however.....there is a relative closer than I.

There is One "Little" Problem

There is another who has the right to you
one nearer than me



Ruth's face upon hearing such news

.....there is a relative **closer than I.**

#1

The other guy has the right to Ruth by birth order
(THIS OTHER MAN HAS LEGAL CLAIM TO RUTH)

#2

Boaz would have to meet all this other guy's requirements
(THIS OTHER MAN HAD THE CONTROL OF RUTH ALL ALONG)

#3

The other guy has always had the final word in this
(THE OTHER MAN HAD TO BE ENCOUNTERED SOONER OR LATER)

NOW ‘RUTH’ IS STARTELED

Romans 7:8-10

But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead. ⁹ **I was alive once without the law**, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. ¹⁰ And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death.

Her Hopes are Being Challenged by
SOMEONE VERY POWERFUL

Romans 7:14

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin.

SUDDENLY SHE IS FACED WITH THE ISSUE

Romans 3:20

Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:19

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

WHATS A YOUNG GIRL TO DO

Remember Ruth...

Verse 11

Do not fear. I will do for you all that you request

Ruth didn't quite know what to request

“Do not fear”

Voiced by God 17 times
to His servants

Boaz Calmed Ruth's Fears

Verse 11

I will do it for you

Romans 8:3

For what **the law could not do** in that it was weak through the flesh, **God did** by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,

INTRESTINGLY,
God the Father Obeyed His Own Laws When
Performing Our Redemption
GOD DID IT...

Romans 8:3

For **the law of the Spirit** of life in Christ Jesus
has made me free from the law of sin and death.
(THIS OTHER GUY)

BOAZ WASN'T GOING TO LET THE
REQUIREMENTS OF ANOTHER...
...STEAL RUTH FROM HIM

Galatians 3:13

[Boaz] Christ has redeemed **[Ruth]** us from the curse of the law,

Verse 13

"Stay this night, and in the morning it shall be that if he will **perform** the **duty** of a close relative for you-- good; let him do it. But if he does not want to **perform** the **duty** for you, then I will **perform** the **duty** for you, as the LORD lives! Lie down until morning."

"A Type" of the Churches Current Statues

I will **perform** the **duty** for you
Jesus Performed for us all that was needed to Redeem Us

I will **perform** the **duty** for you, as the LORD lives!
Lie down until morning."

“Lie down until morning.”

The Church is to be Both
Preparing Herself to Meet the Lord
and
Resting in our engagement to the Lord

**!!! Christians are to be “working” from the
position of rest!!!**

Hebrews 4:1-3

Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. ² For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. ³ For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: "So I swore in My

Hebrews 4:4

For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all His works".

The Christian Paradox

Revelation 4:6-8

Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. ⁷ The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. ⁸ The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

Verse 14-15

So she lay at his feet until morning, and she arose before one could recognize another. Then he said, "Do not let it be known that the woman came to the threshing floor." ¹⁵

Also he said, "Bring the shawl that is on you and hold it." And when she held it, **he measured** six ephahs of barley, and laid it on her. Then she went into the city.

Conclusion

Ruth had no power or ability to perform her own redemption. If she was going to be saved it would have to come from another source. A source that was altogether different from her situation. Boaz was that redeemer but only in a temporal sense. Both Ruth and Boaz need ultimate redemption that only comes from God and His Christ.

Have you ever done anything wrong...
it was really committed against God

Psalms 51:4

Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight-- that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge.

In Ruth's Response to Boaz' loving offer, she was saying that she received his love and life. She soon became his bride and all that was to be hers, was, and much ,much more...

Acts 4:12

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."