

Handfuls of Purpose

THE BOOK OF RUTH

*Main Points and Prayer starters to
unleash your Handfuls of Purpose*

SURRENDER 1:16

NOTES:

When Ruth told Naomi that she refused to go back to what was familiar to her she agreed to go whoever Naomi went, and proclaimed her God as her own. This is certainly surrender. In order to step into fellowship with Christ we must let go of what is comfortable and familiar to us, and proclaim that wherever He leads, we will follow. Is there something in your life that you are clinching with a tight fist? God is calling you today to drop it all at his feet, and rest in the sweetness of surrender. I assure you, He's got it covered.

Lord, today I Give you _____ (worry, fear, situation, etc.) and I refuse to pick it back up. I trust you and I know you're working all things out for my good.

SALVATION CH. 4

Ruth found favor in the eyes of Boaz and He became the kinsman redeemer for her family. This is a type and shadow of the salvation that we have access to through Jesus Christ. Ruth's redemption wasn't owed to her from Boaz (as there was another kin closer to her) but Boaz was moved to help. Jesus did not owe us salvation but his heart of compassion paid our ransom. Who in your life isn't deserving of forgiveness? Follow the Holy Spirit and be quick to forgive and release any hard feelings. Just as Jesus has forgiven you, it is up to you to extend this forgiveness to others. Unforgiveness is an open door for the enemy to have access to your life.

Lord, I forgive _____. Pluck from me any unforgiveness or bitterness. Let my heart be clean before you, reveal any hidden hurt that I am trying to cover and let me release it to you.

SEPERATION 3:3

Naomi instructed Ruth to present herself to Boaz on the threshing floor, where the wheat (profitable part of the crop) is separated from the chaff (unprofitable part). Just as the wheat and chaff are separated in the natural, our flesh and spirit man must also be separated. The nature of the flesh is disobedient to God and thrives on sin. This is why we must die daily to our "Self" and renew our inner man day by day. This separation isn't always comfortable, and may require quite the pressing before true separation takes place. Which areas in your life could benefit from a Holy Ghost-led separation? Check the company you keep, and even the entertainment you allow inside your mind. What's down in the well comes up in the bucket, and you my dear, are a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, search me and know my innermost parts. Convict me of anything that is separating me from you and forgive my fleshly weakness. Give me the strength to stand apart, and boldly rest in holy living.

PURPOSE 2:16

While I enjoy the AMP bible I really love to read this verse in the good 'ol King James Version, which states that Boaz instructed his workers to leave Rush handfuls OF purpose (rather than handfuls ON purpose). The Lord heavily impressed upon me while reading this that He indeed has handfuls of purpose for His children. The enemy loves to discourage and convince us that God has simply forgotten about our "special plan" when indeed the opposite is true. God is dropping handfuls of purpose along your path to encourage you and remind you that He is indeed planning your life, and leading you to your destiny. The purpose that you carry is great, and can only be completed by you - with your unique talents and passions. Today is the day you give the enemy a black eye and speak aloud that God has plenty of purpose for you, and you refuse to believe anything less.

Lord, give me confidence in your word that says you formed me, planned me, and ordained me to live a life of purpose. Reveal to me your unique plans and help me to walk in the path you've laid before me. Help me to pick up each handful of purpose along the path of life and never fail to give you all the glory.