

A Place in the Family

Ruth 2:14-3:5

1. Book of Ruth
 - a. 3000 years old
 - b. Relevant for today
 - c. Manhood; womanhood
2. Truth
 - a. Confused message from today's culture
 - b. Denies God's laws and truth
 - c. God's truth will prevail in the end
3. Gravity; God's law
 - a. Always proves itself; always needs to be considered
 - i. Tall places
 - ii. Elevators
 - iii. Airplanes
 - first flight 1903
 - forgot to consider crashing
4. Franz Reichelt
 - a. German tailor; inventor
 - b. Paris; Feb. 4, 1912
5. Laws in Ruth
 - a. Levirate marriage
 - b. Kinsman/redeemer; Gael
 - i. Redemption
 - ii. Levirate marriage
 - iii. Avenger of blood
 - b. Gleaning
6. Gleaning

- a. Boaz—honorable man
 - i. Has noticed Ruth
 - ii. Goes above and beyond; laws just the minimum
- c. Ruth—hard worker
 - i. Ephah her first day!
- d. Naomi—amazed at what Ruth has gleaned
 - i. Recognizes Boaz as Kinsman/gael
 - ii. Formulates plan for Ruth and Boaz to marry—Levirate

7. End of Harvest; Naomi

- a. Ruth and Boaz together for 4 months—at least 6 days a week
- b. Reveals plan to Ruth

8. End of Harvest; Ruth

- a. Willingly chooses to do all Naomi asks
- b. Prepares as a bride; has the right to propose marriage
- c. Nothing sordid about Naomi's plan or what Ruth does
 - i. Out of context with the whole book and character of actors

9. Choice

- a. Elimelech ignored God's promises and truth; does not go well
- b. Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz choose to obey; goes well
- c. Franz Reichelt denied God's truth
 - i. Put confidence in himself; his creation; did not go well

10. 2 Choices

- a. Disobey; pattern of things going bad
- b. Obey; things improving for Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz; not perfect but increasingly better

Jesus is the Truth—Choose Him

