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Do you trust me?

Ruth 3:6-18



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“‘Wait on the Lord’ is a constant refrain in the Psalms, and it is a necessary word, for God often keeps us waiting. He is not in such a hurry as we are, and it is not his way to give more light on the future than we need for action in the present, or to guide us more than one step at a time. When in doubt, do nothing, but continue to wait on God. When action is needed, light will come.” J.I. Packer Knowing God

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6,7 So she went down to the threshing floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law had commanded her. When Boaz had eaten and drunk and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain; and she came secretly, and uncovered his feet and lay down.

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8,9 It happened in the middle of the night that the man was startled and bent forward; and behold, a woman was lying at his feet. He said, “Who are you?” And she answered, “I am Ruth your maid. So spread your covering over your maid, for you are a *close relative*.”

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10 Then he said, “May you be blessed of the LORD, my daughter. You have shown your last kindness to be better than the first by not going after young men, whether poor or rich.

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Ruth chooses wisely 9-10

- Naomi was unwilling to wait or trust – fix it!
- Ruth had demonstrated her virtue – chap 3
- Ruth is demonstrating her trust – *wings* – 2:12
- Ruth is demonstrating her choice – Boaz
- Ruth will demonstrate her obedience – *goel* vs 9

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*“I am sure the happiest days of my life
have been when I have tried to do the will
of God as far as I know it to do...”*

D.L. Moody

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11,12 Now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you whatever you ask, for all my people in the city know that you are a woman of excellence. Now it is true I am a close relative; however, there is a relative closer than I.

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Boaz knows better 11-12

- My daughter – relationship – family and familiar
- I will do as you ask – you are not unworthy
- ‘excellence’ – Prov 31
- I am ‘goel’ but there is a closer ‘goel’
- I must obey the Word – will you trust it?

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*A life without virtue
is a life without value."*

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13 Remain this night, and when morning comes, if he will redeem you, good; let him redeem you. But if he does not wish to redeem you, then I will redeem you, as the LORD lives. Lie down until morning.”

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God knows best 13

- We do this right – may not go your way!
- Obedience is ‘God willing’ not ‘I am willing’
- If God allows – I will
- If God sends another – His will!
- Do we trust Him?

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*“Patience is the practice
of waiting in the Lord.”*

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14 So she lay at his feet until morning and rose before one could recognize another; and he said, “Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor.”

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15 Again he said, “Give me the cloak that is on you and hold it.” So she held it, and he measured six measures of barley and laid it on her. Then she went into the city.

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16 When she came to her mother-in-law, she said, “How did it go, my daughter?” And she told her all that the man had done for her.



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17 She said, “These six measures of barley he gave to me, for he said, ‘Do not go to your mother-in-law empty-handed.’”



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18 Then she said, “Wait, my daughter, until you know how the matter turns out; for the man will not rest until he has settled it today.”



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Naomi rests well 14-18

- Plan of Boaz
 - I will protect you – sunrise
 - I will provide for you – barley
- Plan of Naomi
- Plan of Jehovah

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Naomi rests well 14-18

- Plan of Boaz
- Plan of Naomi
 - God's protection – virtue and honor
 - God's provision – barley of Boaz
- Plan of Jehovah

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*“Worry is when I am not sure
God knows what He is doing.”*

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Do we trust Him?

- Biblical waiting! NOT passive – patient!
- What is God saying?
- What are the needs?
- How can I keep my ideas in context?
- How can I listen and lead?

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*“Waiting and listening
are the prerequisites
to talking and doing.”*

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