



Ruth

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God cares for us!

Ruth 3

A decorative illustration at the bottom of the page shows a brown hillside with several stylized plants. The plants have thin, dark brown stems and clusters of small, reddish-orange leaves or flowers. The background is a solid light orange color.

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“Cast all your cares on Him,
for He cares for you.”

1 Peter 5:7

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1 Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her,
“My daughter, shall I not seek security for
you, that it may be well with you?”



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Security 1

- Naomi had no means or hope
- Naomi cared for Ruth
- Parent wishing for a child – better life!
- Best of intent – how is as important as what

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“It does not require great learning to be a Christian and be convinced of the truth of the Bible. It requires only an honest heart and a willingness to obey God.”

Albert Barnes

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2 Now is not Boaz our kinsman, with whose maids you were? Behold, he winnows barley at the threshing floor tonight.

A decorative illustration at the bottom of the page features a stylized landscape. It includes a dark brown hillside on the left, several thin, reddish-brown stems with small, rounded leaves, and scattered reddish-brown shapes that resemble seeds or small flowers. The overall style is simple and artistic, complementing the warm orange background.

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3 Wash yourself therefore, and anoint yourself and put on your best clothes, and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

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4 It shall be when he lies down, that you shall notice the place where he lies, and you shall go and uncover his feet and lie down; then he will tell you what you shall do.”

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5 She said to her, “All that you say I will do.”

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A decorative illustration at the bottom of the page shows a dark brown hillside with several thin, reddish-brown branches and scattered red and orange leaves, suggesting an autumn scene.

Seeking 2-5

- Naomi has a plan – based on human wisdom
- Boaz our ‘kinsman’ – NOT goel - עֲרֵב - relative
- Process of reaping – threshing – winnowing
- Piles of unguarded grain – Boaz will stay himself



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Seeking 2-5

- Wash yourself – anoint yourself
- Dress up – go to threshing floor
- Lie down at his feet –
- He will tell you what to do next...

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*“Maturity comes from obedience,
not necessarily from age.”*

Leonard Ravenhill

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6 So she went down to the threshing floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law had commanded her.



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7 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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Secretly 6

- Secret vs Private
- Obedient to desperate
- Rahab – lied to save 12 spies of Israel
- Hagar – yielded to Abram for a child of Promise
- Joshua trusted the Gibeonites without prayer

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Secretly 6

- Rahab – lied to save 12 spies of Israel
 - She might have missed...
 - ‘we are not careful...’
 - ‘passed through their midst unaware...’
- Hagar – yielded to Abram for a child of Promise
 - Ishmael – Nebaioth – Nabataeans - AMEN
- Joshua trusted the Gibeonites without prayer

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“Teaching without obedience is hypocrisy
– obedience without teaching
is legalism.”

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7 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 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.



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9 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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11 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.



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Shelter 7-11

- Ruth follows the plan –
- Boaz wakes and wonders!
- ‘who are you?’
- ‘spread your covering’ – presenting herself for a wife

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Shelter 7-11

- Boaz replies with humility
- Solomon later is similar
- Promises honor
- Recognizes virtue
- Kinsman: Liberty, Linage, Land, Life

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God's work will always be done
God's way according to God's Word.



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God's Care – Our Care

- God shows great compassion
- Naomi had good goal – bad method
- Ruth's reputation gives her a 2nd chance
- Boaz' character chooses wisely -

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***“Compassion will cure more sins
than condemnation.”***

Henry Ward Beecher

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Don't try to reform - Seek redemption!

Avoid condemnation of the immature
- try discipleship!

Do God's Work God's Way by God's Word!

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The background features a stylized autumn landscape. It includes rolling hills in shades of orange and brown, a path with diagonal stripes, and various trees and plants in warm tones. The overall aesthetic is cozy and seasonal.

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