

Ruth 3:14-18 Rootwork

Submission in the Hands of a Trustworthy God

1. (Everyday) Before you begin your study time - spend time in prayer! Go through your “yesterday” and ask the Lord to reveal your heart! Prepare your heart and surrender your will to the Spirit of God! Allow Him to have full access by not withholding anything He wants to do in and then do through you!! Make a conscious effort to bow your will and your obedience to the Lord before you even dive in! This prepares your heart to hear and to heed everything He speaks to you!
2. (Everyday) Then spend time in adoration and worship after you have cleansed your heart and before you dive into the scriptures!! Proclaiming who God is and adoring Him lifts our eyes up and keeps our focus on what really matters...putting God in His rightful place and putting us in ours! Remember, the enemy is going to try to keep you from being in the Word, he hates when we worship our God- Worship breaks his bondages over believers, so submit to God, resist him and he will flee!!
3. If you were at the “Digging Deeper Workshop” and you would like to structure these scriptures, Copy and paste Ruth 3 into a word/pages document or write it out verse by verse, following the structuring handouts you received! If you were not there and want to watch it, search “Digging Deeper” on our website or app and watch it for tools to help you in your study time!
4. (Everyday) After you finish your rootwork every day, be sure to spend time in prayer (ACTS) going through what you have learned and received from the Word of God! This is also in your “Digging Deeper” handout!
5. Review by reading chapter 3 as a whole. Where are we at in the life of Ruth and is there anything you see this time reading it that you did not see before?
6. We spent a good deal of time on the focus of a very important reminder and lesson. We see in verse 12, we have a problem. Ruth proposes to Boaz and he agrees but there is a relative that is closer than he is and if we stop here, it seems hopeless and discouraging....but look at verse 13, what does this tell you about the character of Boaz?
7. The gap between verse 12 and verse 13 is a gap that every believer will face over and over..between this gap is a choice, one that will determine the trajectory of who and how you worship, how you grow, and what kind of freedom you have in your walk with the Lord. In this gap is a fork in the road, a fork of decision. One that will challenge your street level faith like never before, one that will reveal what your faith is truly in. This fork in the road will only ask one question...which path will you choose? Your justified emotions, opinions, ties, and desires? Or the path of the will of God? It is a simple

question really but one that has jammed up, paralyzed, and stalled believers of all time. Who's will do I want more? Mine or God's?

8. Will I do what I want or do what I know is right? See Boaz's affections for the Lord were greater than what he wanted personally! He put his feet to his faith! He is laying down his emotions for the sake of God's will being done!

9. You have to determine in you own heart what you will do when your life comes to that crossroad of justified, validated emotions that completely go against the right thing to do and the obedience to God.

10. Read Genesis 22: 1- 14 slowly. Look at all the excuses Abraham could have had, all the chances to turn and run! He was face to face with the hardest decision of his life. In these 14 verses he was bombarded by this gap of decision, this fork in the road many, many times...yet every time his faith did not fail, his affection did not change, his focus did not waver! Oh his heart was breaking, his body weak, and his love for his son so deep..yet his face was set like flint, and his trust unwavering! What would you do?

11. What was it about Abraham's faith that made him able to obey God in this situation?

12. What is the most impactful and challenging part of this account for you personally?

13. Look at where Abraham's focus was? Does this challenge you? He understood that was never about him to begin with, it was about God, His glory, and His will! How does this encourage you to have a different perspective?

14. Does this give you a better perspective on the fear of God? If so, how?

15. How do you make sure that no matter how strong those feelings are and how deep those ties are that you will not hesitate?

16. In class we talked about making sure our affections for Christ are greater than our affections for anything else. How are your affections for Christ? How is your love for the Lord? Has it grown cold? If so, why? What has happened?

17. In every case, what you feed is what will grow! How has this been true in your own life? What are you feeding now? Think of where you spend your time, who you spend your time with, who you allow to speak into your life..are they pointing you to the Lord or distracting you from Him?

18. What are your conversations about? Who are they about? See if your conversations, your focus is on fleshly grumbling, complaining, criticizing - that is all you will think about and that is what will grow. Then you will become bitter and hard hearted. But If you feed truth, are around those who speak truth and lift your eyes up, encourage you to die to your flesh, and remind you that no matter what or how bad the situation that God is always at work and there is a purpose in it! What you feed is what

will grow! Spend time looking at the last month, or the last week, is there anything that needs to change so that you make sure you are feeding the right things?

19. When you spend time with Lord, talking about the Lord, your fall more in love with Him! His thoughts, His love, His grace conforms you into seeing and speaking that which is edifying and uplifting - one that presses on to that One fear- and one ambition! Your love for God has to matter more to you than any other love!! It is that simple! Write out Matt. 22:35-38. Jesus said all other commands hang on this!! How powerful is that? May we stop and take to heart the command of our Lord!

20. Read Ruth 3:14-18, if you have another section theme, write it out!

21. Read Ruth 3:14-18 again, use your Blue Letter Bible app(if you don't know what this is, please let me know and I will help you) to look up any words that you want further insight on or want deeper meanings to! This is where the beauty of the hidden treasures in God's Word come to life! You get to see things in a new and in a more full light!

22. Read Ruth 3:14, what is happening here? What is Boaz doing and what is Ruth doing?

23. We are once again going to put ourselves right into the sandals of Ruth, imagine yourself in her situation and imagine all of the human tendencies that she might be feeling as she realizes that Boaz might not even be her kinsmen redeemer! What do you think she is thinking, do you think she got any sleep that night? Where would your mind go? Could you imagine?

24. We discussed how humility and submission have marked Ruth's character and the Lord had me sit on this very thing because it has been so misunderstood and misused in and outside of the church. How have you seen "submission" viewed by the world and by the church?

25. Have you seen/experienced submission in a biblical way? If so, how? Have you seen/experienced submission in an unbiblical way? If so, how?

26. Submission defined is, "willingly coming under the authority of another.- a voluntary act of surrendering one's will, desires, and authority, often in the context of God's authority or human relationships." I summed it up as "Submission is full surrender to God and His will demonstrated by our submission to those God has placed in authority over us!" Below are the 5 examples of what submission IS and 5 examples of what submission IS NOT! Write out your thoughts on each and how the Lord is speaking to you through His Word regarding areas of submission in your own life! Look up the verses and slowly walk through what God says about submission. Write out any questions you have so we can go through them at rootwork night and allow the Lord to challenge your perspective and define the beauty of what He has established for us to walk out!

1. Submission is a fortress and safeguard.

1. James 4:7, how is submission a safeguard?

2. Submission a sign of a mind set on the Spirit.

1. Romans 8:5-8 and really look at the contrast of the mind set on the flesh and the mind set on the Spirit! How is the mind set on the Spirit a sign of submission? What are we to do when that flesh rises?

3. Submission is obedience to God.

1. Colossians 3:18 (or any of the verses mentioned. They are all a command)

4. Submission is an indication of our trust in God.

1. Romans 13:1-2

2. 1 Peter 2:13

3. How is submitting to the authority in our lives a sign of our trust in God?

5. Submission brings unity and honors godly order.

1. Hebrews 13:17

2. Titus 3:1-2

3. Matthew 26:39

4. How has God set up godly order in the world, home and church? How does submission bring order the way that God designed it?

5. How does Jesus demonstrate the perfect example of submission?

27. Are there any of the examples of what submission is that your struggle with? Why do you think that is? What does God's Word say to do about it?

28. Review the 5 examples of what Submission IS NOT.

1. Submission is not operating in fear due to dictatorship or abuse.

1. 1 Peter 5:1-6

2. God never calls us to submit to abuse in any form or way! 3. How has this impacted your life personally? So many of us have experienced this done wrong and need to remember the counsel, grace and character of our God and how He set things

in order! If you have been impacted personally by abuse and have at one time thought you just needed to submit, how has this helped you heal from this misconception?

2. Submission is not agreeing on everything.

1. Genesis 2:18

2. 1 Peter 3:1-4

3. God has given us minds and given us insight that He wants us to use a helpmates to our husbands! God made a helpmate to Adam to complement him. What is important is how we handle the disagreement and remember that we are not in competition but rather complementation!

4. Has this understanding been helpful in your perspective on submission? If so, how?

3. Submission is not putting the will of the leader/ husband before the will of Christ.

1. Ephesians 5:25-31

2. Romans 12:2

3. God's will is perfect, you will never be asked to disobey some of God's will in order to obey another part of God's will. His will works in harmony and God can not contradict Himself. So if any leader is asking you to do something that is sin, or out of God's will, or against God's Word, you do not submit to that! God's will and way is always your top authority.

4. How has this truth helped, or encouraged your perspective of submission?

4. Submission is not lip service.

1. Colossians 3:18-25

2. We need to do all things from a sincere heart as unto the Lord!

3. Has this challenged your perspective or changed your point of view? If so, how?

4. Remember that your attitude is so important when walking out submission!

5. Submission is not weakness, it is meekness.

1. Strength under control, operating with wisdom!

2. I gave you many examples of Jesus operating in meekness. Write out as many as you can think of where He demonstrated what meekness looked like while under the submission of His Father.

3. Then spend time thinking of how your view of submission has changed based on God's view of submission. Is there any differences? Is there still an area of confusion? If so, write it out so you can ask questions in our discussion time.

4. Then praise the Lord that He has established order and a way that is perfect and right when we do things His way!

29. Read Ruth 3:15, what happened here? What was Boaz's garments used for? What was Ruth's garments used for? Just as submission and humility go hand in hand, obedience and blessing also go hand in hand. What was the gift of promise Boaz gave her?

30. What is the gift of promise that was given to us? Read Ephesians 1:13 and John 14:25-27.

31. How are you to make use of what God has given you? Just as Ruth did not have to labor for the 60 lbs of grain, we do not have to labor for the Holy Spirit to take up residence in us, but we are called to be good stewards of it! Read Romans 12:6 and 1 Tim. 4:14.

32. We have been given so many gifts according the grace given to us through Christ. James says every good and perfect thing is from above, EVERY! Look up the following verses and really spend time on them. What do they say? How does this sharpen you personally and challenge you to be thankful and grateful for what God has given?

1. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

2. Psalm 100:4

3. Philippians 4:6

4. Colossians 3:17

33. Read Ruth 3:16-18, what happened here? How did Ruth respond? Where was her focus? How often do we interpret a situation and only see the "bars", only see the risk that was taken and the disappointment that ensued instead of seeing that our Master Potter is making something out of us that is beautiful if we would change our focus! If we would submit to His hands and let Him. Submission can not be authentic if there is no trust in God, and it can not be authentic if there is no fear of God! Ruth obeyed God and chose to trust Him even when the outcome was not clear. She chose to obey God and God did something wonderful with her submission! Give God your obedience and

watch Him create His masterpiece! He does a way better job than we could anyway! 😊
write out your thoughts here, what is the Lord speaking to your heart?

34. Where was Naomi's concern? Where was Ruth's concern? Was Naomi still bitter? Why or why not? Did she get jealous of Ruth and demand her own rights?

35. What does this tell you about the hearts of both women? And what does this tell you about how biblical relationships should look?

36. How do your relationships look? What are your concerns for those around you? Let this challenge your heart, we are called as Christ following women to be different types of women...ones that are uplifting and encouraging, ones that love others more than themselves...women that are marked by our desire to see others grow in the Lord, not for selfish gain like the world! Write out your heart to the Lord, confess where confession is needed, repent where repentance is needed and do not forget to thank Him for His unfailing grace, mercy and love to continue to convict, change and conform you into the image of our sweet Savior! What an honor it is to be called His!! Praise Him!!

37. How we handle the gifts God has given and how we handle the inner dealings of the heart matter for here and for all eternity!! Let's be intentional about how we think, how we love and how we live with ONE FEAR, glorifying the Lord! We serve an awesome God and He is so faithful and trustworthy because that is who He is!! Isn't it incredible that we get to be His daughters?

38. Oh how I praise Him for each of you and the gift He has given me through you all!! We have an amazing sisterhood and an amazing family of God! I am so thankful!