

“FAITH & FRIENDSHIP”

RUTH Chapter 3

D) FAITH'S DESIRE (v1-5)

- Naomi to Ruth - “You go girl!”

> How to get married? (5 steps):

1 - “LISTEN to the Wise” (Naomi) - *Older women teach the younger* - Titus 2:3-5

2 - “WASH yourself”- *Blood of Jesus*- 1 John 1:5-7- *This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. (Titus 3:4-7 - But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Also, Ephesians 5:25-28 - Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.)*

3 - “ANOINT yourself”- *“A sweet smelling aroma”* - Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2; *“Walk in the Spirit”* - Galatians 5:16-26

4 - “Put on your best CLOTHES” - *Put on the full armor of God* - Ephesians 6:11-18

5- “GO for God!”- Proverbs 3:5-8 - Trust in the LORD *with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones.*

II) FAITH'S DISCIPLINE (v6-13)

(v6-8) Ruth put FEET to her faith! – James 2:14-26

(v9-11) Two characteristics of Ruth – (1) a MAIDSERVANT (a servant, on who is humbly submissive, a compliment not a complaint); (2) a VIRTUOUS woman (Prov. 31).

(v12-13) Boaz is true to his name *“in him is strength”* – The strength to do what is right, having the discipline to follow God's Word (Deut. 25:5-9); and to not take advantage of Ruth.

III) FAITH'S DESTINY (v14-18)

(v14-15) The Kinsmen-Redeemer provides food for daily living!

(v16-18) We need to practice being STILL and let God go to work in every area of our life. (Psalms 46:10 - *Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!*)