

# Ruth's Appeal

## Ruth Chapter 3

### 1. Greeting

- A. Stickers
- B. Ruth Continued
- C. Craig, framework
- D. Four ways we look at Ruth

### 1. Historically 2. Allegorically 3. Prophetically

4. Doctrinally 5. Devotionally: This is how we can extract from the Biblical text principles, doctrines and responses that can improve our spiritual, physical and emotional lives and be more devoted to Christ

### 1. Plus 1, Devotionally

- 1. Read all of Ch. 3
- 2. Verse 1 breakdown

**Rth 3:1** 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?"

### 1. Security

- A. Naomi seeking Ruth's
- B. Relating to our own security needs
- C. Our need

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. "My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand.

John 10:27-29

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God.

1 John 5:13

- 1. Security Part 2
- 2. Oxygen Mask
- 3. Our kids

### A. Grief

### B. Friction

### C. Change tactics, strategy

- 1. The opposite
- 2. Not critical

3. Share the Gospel
4. Not religion / behaviors

4. Back to the text vs. 2-4

### **Rth 3:2**

“Now Boaz, whose young women you were with, *is he* not our relative? In fact, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor.

### **Rth 3:3**

“Therefore wash yourself and anoint yourself, put on your *best* garment and go down to the threshing floor; *but* do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

### **Rth 3:4**

“Then it shall be, when he lies down, that you shall notice the place where he lies; and you shall go in, uncover his feet, and lie down; and he will tell you what you should do.”

1. Out of bitterness
  - a. Looking to God / slide verse 2:20

Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, “Blessed *be* he of the LORD, who has not forsaken His kindness to the living and the dead!” And Naomi said to her, “This man *is* a relation of ours, one of our close relatives.”

Ruth 2:20

1. Looking forward
  - A. God working
  - B. Looking outside herself
  - C. People, City, Events
  - D. Our future / Phillipians

Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.

Phil 3:12-15

1. Last part of verse 15
  - a. God’s revelation
  - b. Beyond Pain
  - c. Forward

- d. Front windshield
- e. Grasp on what's ahead

- 1. Vs. 3 Practical advice
  - a. Get washed
  - b. Smell pretty
  - c. Best clothes / widows garment
  - d. Go

### **Wash yourself**

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Titus 3:5

### **Anoint yourself**

But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. 1John 2:20

### **Best garment**

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God;  
For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks *himself* with ornaments,  
And as a bride adorns *herself* with her jewels. Isa 61:10,

### **Go down**

"Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matt 11:28

- 1. Great Works
- 2. Non-Christians can't

- 1. Vs. 5-6

### **Rth 3:5**

And she said to her, "All that you say to me I will do."

### **Rth 3:6**

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

- 1. Obedience
- 2. Seems risky
- 3. Described no prescribed
- 4. Frat house
- 5. Threshing floor
  - a. David
  - b. Ornan
  - c. Sacrifice and separation

Then King David said to Ornan, “No, but I will surely buy *it* for the full price, for I will not take what is yours for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings with *that which costs me nothing.*”

1Chr 21:24

1. David paid
  - a. Future temple
  
2. Boaz
  - a. Harvest
  - b. Kernel and chaff
  - c. Wheat and tares
  - d. Believers, unbelievers

“His winnowing fan *is* in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

Matt 3:12

1. Picture of separation
  - a. Believers, unbelievers
2. This Believer
  - a. The Sled, tribulation
  - b. Thrashed to produce fruit

1. Vs. 3-9

### **Rth 3:7**

And after Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was cheerful, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain; and she came softly, uncovered his feet, and lay down.

### **Rth 3:8**

Now it happened at midnight that the man was startled, and turned himself; and there, a woman was lying at his feet.

### **Rth 3:9**

And he said, “Who *are* you?” So she answered, “I *am* Ruth, your maidservant. Take your maidservant under your wing, for you are a close relative.”

1. Stayed with the grain
  - a. Judges
  - b. Moral climate
  - c. Gideon
    1. Midianites
    2. Amelikeites

## 2. Cold feet

- a. Practical
- b. Non-sexual
- c. Ceremonial
  1. Not demanding
  2. Requesting
  3. Wife
  4. Property
  5. Submission at his feet

## 2. Us with Jesus

Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped *them* with the hair of her head. “You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. “You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. “Therefore I say to you, her sins, which *are* many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loves little.”

Luke 7:44-47

1. Individually
  - a. Humility
  - b. Remorse / tears
  - c. Acknowledging sin
  - d. Asking for forgiveness
  - e. Security
2. Vs. 10-12
  - a. Boaz’s response

### **Rth 3:10**

Then he said, “Blessed *are* you of the LORD, my daughter! For you have shown more kindness at the end than at the beginning, in that you did not go after young men, whether poor or rich.

### **Rth 3:11**

“And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you request, for all the people of my town know that you *are* a virtuous woman.

### **Rth 3:12**

“Now it is true that I *am* a close relative; however, there is a relative closer than I.

### **Rth 3:13**

“Stay this night, and in the morning it shall be *that* if he will perform the duty of a close relative for you—good; let him do it. But if he does not want to perform the duty for you, then I will perform the duty for you, as the LORD lives! Lie down until morning.”

1. Beautiful Response

- a. Full clarity
- b. Ecstatic
- c. He’s willing
- d. Able
- e. Flattered
  - 1.No bikers
  - 2.No preppys

2. Acknowledges her character

- a. Reputation
- b. Virtuous / Defined

3. We have a problem

- a. Nearer Kinsman
- b. Music plimits
- c. Robert Redford / Harrison Ford
- d. Marty Feldman / Danny DeVito
- e. No shortcuts
  - 1. Forgiveness or Permission
- f. Jesus followed the rules

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. Heb 4:12

Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘*You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.*’

Matt 4:8-10

1. We obey the rules

- a. The end doesn’t justify the means

**Rth 3:14**

So she lay at his feet until morning, and she arose before one could recognize another. Then he said, “Do not let it be known that the woman came to the threshing floor.”

### **Rth 3:15**

Also he said, “Bring the shawl that *is* on you and hold it.” And when she held it, he measured six *ephahs* of barley, and laid *it* on her. Then she went into the city.

1. Protection
  - a.Reputation
  - b.Physical
  - c.Conniving plan

### **Rth 3:16**

When she came to her mother-in-law, she said, “/s that you, my daughter?” Then she told her all that the man had done for her.

### **Rth 3:17**

And she said, “These six *ephahs* of barley he gave me; for he said to me, ‘Do not go empty-handed to your mother-in-law.’”

### **Rth 3:18**

Then she said, “Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will turn out; for the man will not rest until he has concluded the matter this day.”

#### 1.Numerology

- a. 6
- b. Not dogmatic
- c. Man, incomplete, unfinished
- d. 7th day

#### 2.Secret message

- a. No rest until it's done

- Pray God would give you a new strategy in ministering to your family this Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- Pray for release from the past from any place you may be stuck spiritually or emotionally so you can be ready to embrace what's ahead.
- Pray for God's help to get you through this difficult time and that you would bear good fruit.