

RUTH

*Romance during
the barley harvest*

RUTH – ROMANCE DURING THE BARLEY HARVEST

- Behave appropriately towards others
guided by God's loyal love.

THE BOOK OF RUTH

Theme:

Divine loyal love in the midst of bleakness

~ Hope in God's loyal love!

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Genre: Historical Narrative

- Look for lesson points on various levels
 1. Learn from characters?
 2. Learn about God?
 3. Learn about God's redemptive program

RUTH - A LOVE STORY

Hope in God's loyal love!

- Focus on God's loyal love even in bleakness.
- Reflect God's loyal love in our families.
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Structure of Ruth 3:

- Naomi's plan of appropriate behaviour (1-4)
- Ruth's response of appropriate behaviour (5-6)
- Ruth's request for appropriate behaviour (8-10)
- Boaz's response of appropriate behaviour (11-15)
- Naomi's pronouncement of hope in light of appropriate behaviour (16-18)

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Ruth 2:20

And Naomi said unto her daughter in law, Blessed be he of the Lord, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man is near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen.

ESV: The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers.

KINSMAN REDEEMER

- Leviticus 25: 23-28 – Redeem land for the family

The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine, for ye are strangers and sojourners with me. And in all the land of your possession ye shall grant a redemption for the land. If thy brother be waxen poor, and hath sold away some of his possession, and if any of his kin come to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold...

KINSMAN REDEEMER

- Leviticus 25: 23-28 – redeem land for the family

...And if the man have none to redeem it, and himself be able to redeem it; Then let him count the years of the sale thereof, and restore the overplus unto the man to whom he sold it; that he may return unto his possession. But if he be not able to restore it to him, then that which is sold shall remain in the hand of him that hath bought it until the year of jubile: and in the jubile it shall go out, and he shall return unto his possession.

KINSMAN REDEEMER

- Redeem family member's land (Lev. 25:23-25)
- Redeem family member from slavery (Lev. 25:47-55)
- Avenger of the blood (Num. 35:9-34)
- Receive dead victim's restitution (Num. 5:8)
- Defends family member to ensure receives justice in court (Job 19:25)

LEVIRATE MARRIAGE

- “levir” = husband’s brother (*latin*)

- Deuteronomy 25: 5-6

If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an husband's brother unto her. And it shall be, that the firstborn which she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother which is dead, that his name be not put out of Israel.

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Ruth 3:1-4 Naomi's plan

Then Naomi her mother in law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?

And now is not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to night in the threshingfloor...

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Ruth 3:1-4 Naomi's plan

...Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor: but make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking. And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do.

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Ruth 3:8-11 Ruth's request

And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet.

And he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman.

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Ruth 2:12

Boaz: The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.

Ruth 3:9

Ruth: I am Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman.

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- James 4:17

Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

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Ruth 3:5-6 Ruth's response

And she said unto her, All that thou sayest unto me I will do.

And she went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her.

v.11 Boaz: And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman.

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Ruth 3:8-11 Boaz's response

And he said, Blessed be thou of the Lord, my daughter: for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich. And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman.

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Ruth 2:12 KJV

And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz.

Ruth 2:12 ESV

Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz.

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Ruth 3:12-17 Boaz's consideration

And now it is true that I am thy near kinsman: howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I. Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, as the Lord liveth: lie down until the morning...

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Ruth 3:12-17 Boaz's consideration

...And she lay at his feet until the morning: and she rose up before one could know another. And he said, Let it not be known that a woman came into the floor. Also he said, Bring the vail that thou hast upon thee, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six measures of barley, and laid it on her: and she went into the city...

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Ruth 3:12-17 Boaz's consideration

...And when she came to her mother in law, she said, Who art thou, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her. And she said, These six measures of barley gave he me; for he said to me, Go not empty unto thy mother in law.

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THOUGHT CATALOGUE

“So, I’m doing this new thing where I just openly date a heap of dudes, and am going to remain **ACTIVELY AND WILLFULLY SINGLE** for at least a year. I’ve been doing it for about 6 months. Here’s what I’ve learned so far:

- **DO:** Date multiple people.

If you’re doing the single thing, go on with your bad self and **GET SOME**. There’s absolutely nothing wrong with seeing multiple people at the same time.”

<http://thoughtcatalog.com/tessah-schoenrock/2013/07/10-dos-and-donts-of-dating-multiple-people/>

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Ruth 3:18 Hope in the light of appropriate behaviour

Naomi:

“Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day.”

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