

“Ruth 3”



OPEN IT

- When have you spent a lot of time making a plan, but things turned out very differently than you expected? What did you learn?
- When you face a difficult situation, which is your natural tendency: pray first, make a plan first, ask for advice first, or jump into action? Why do you think that's your default?

Read It:

- Ruth 3:1-18
- Proverbs 16:9

EXPLORE IT

- In Ruth 3:1-5, Naomi creates a bold plan for Ruth. What does Naomi's concern for Ruth reveal about her character and her faith?
- Ruth immediately agrees to Naomi's instructions (Ruth 3:5). What does Ruth's response teach us about trust, humility, and courage?
- When Ruth asks Boaz to "spread the corner of your garment over me" (Ruth 3:9), what is she really asking? Why is this such a courageous act?
- Read Ruth 3:10-13. What qualities of Boaz stand out most in these verses? How does he balance compassion with integrity?
- Boaz discovers an unexpected obstacle in Ruth 3:12. What does his response teach us about handling disappointments or unexpected complications?
- Naomi tells Ruth to "wait" in Ruth 3:18. Why is waiting often one of the hardest expressions of faith? When have you experienced that personally?
- Throughout Ruth 3, where do you see human responsibility, and where do you see God's providence at work? How do those two work together instead of competing?

- Read Proverbs 16:9. What does it mean to plan your course while allowing the Lord to establish your steps? How can both be true at the same time?
- Throughout the book of Ruth, God rarely acts through dramatic miracles. Instead, He works through ordinary decisions, faithful people, and everyday circumstances. How does that encourage your own walk with God?
- Which of the four lessons from the message challenges you the most right now? Why does that lesson especially speak to your current season?
 - Faith doesn't mean doing nothing.
 - Our best plans cannot account for every variable.
 - Faith shapes wise planning.
 - Faith rests even when the outcome is uncertain.

DO IT:

- **Pray before you plan.** This week, before making an important decision or solving a problem, pause and intentionally pray before creating your plan.
- **Take one faithful step.** Identify one area where you've been waiting out of fear rather than faith. Ask God for wisdom, then take one obedient next step.
- **Hold your plans with open hands.** As you make plans this week, intentionally pray, "Lord, establish my steps," remembering Proverbs 16:9.
- **Look for God's providence in ordinary moments.** Each day, write down one small way you noticed God's care, provision, or guidance in everyday life.
- **Practice faithful waiting.** If you're facing something outside your control, resist the urge to force an outcome. Instead, spend time thanking God for His faithfulness and asking Him to help you trust His timing while remaining obedient in what you can do today.