

Ruth

(6) Ruth's Faith in action

Ruth 3:7-9

When Boaz had finished eating and drinking and was in good spirits, he went over to lie down at the far end of the grain pile. Ruth approached quietly, uncovered his feet and lay down. 8 In the middle of the night something startled the man, and he turned and discovered a woman lying at his feet. 9 "Who are you?" he asked. "I am your servant Ruth," she said. "Spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a kinsman-redeemer." NIV

Naomi's faith rekindled, Ruth's faith tested...3:1-9

What do you see in Naomi's directive for Ruth? 3:1; Phil.2:3-4

She's thinking of the welfare of Ruth. This is a sure sign of restoration! Faith is alive!

After reminding Ruth of 3:2, what does Naomi urge of Ruth? 3:3-4 see Rev.19:7-8

Prepare yourself (most attractive) then make your (kinsman) request of Boaz.

What do you see in Ruth's response to Naomi? 3:5-6; Josh.24:14-15

She has faith in her God and obedience to her mother-in-law. Personal risk for her.

What does Ruth request of Boaz? 3:9; 2:12 Why didn't she wait for him to ask her? 3:10, 12

Be my kinsman-redeemer! She was requesting redemption of her (marriage) and land.

The kinsman-redeemer takes the lead...3:10-18

What is Boaz's immediate response? 3:10

The Lord bless you! You are choosing kindness over self interest. (Boaz over younger..)

Boaz promises to act and then makes what observation? 3:11 What might she have feared?

Don't be afraid. All my fellow townsmen (elders) know you as a woman of noble character.

What other problem must be immediately addressed? 3:12-13

There is a 'nearer' kinsman-redeemer. By the law he must be 'first'. But I'm willing!

What happens early in the morning? 3:14-15, 17 see *Eph.1:7, 13-14*

To protect her character, leave early. To confirm his intent, a gift to Naomi!

What is the first question Naomi has for Ruth when she returns? 3:16 Comment?

How did it go? What did he say? I suspect neither of them had slept much that night!

How do you think Naomi felt when Ruth declares 3:17?

She must have been rejoicing in the faithfulness of God! And excited to see this happen.

What is Naomi's conviction now? 3:18 see IThess.1:10; Phil.3:20; Rom.8:23

Ruth just waits now, it's up to Boaz. And he will not rest till it's settled today!

What is the application for us as believers today? Ps.110:1; Ps.37:7; Is.40:31; Rom.8:23

Wait upon the Lord. The Bridegroom is returning. HE is our Redeemer.