

Study Notes:

3:1 Naomi _____ the situation and ponders, “Should I not _____ rest for _____? Is not Boaz a relative?”

3:3-5 Instruction

_____ and _____ yourself,

Put on your _____,

go to the _____ floor and _____.

When Boaz is _____ uncover _____
and lie down until Boaz awakes.

3:6-8 Ruth then _____, waited for him to be _____
and then _____ at his feet as Naomi had directed.

3:9-10 Boaz _____ and asks _____ are _____?

Ruth replies and asks _____ to protect her, to
_____ his _____ over her.

Boaz _____ Ruth, for her faithfulness to Naomi.

3:11-13 Boaz _____ to do all Ruth _____ because she is
a _____ woman. (Ruth 2:1). However, there is a
_____ redeemer. Stay here till _____.

3:14-15 Just before _____ Ruth _____. Boaz
measured _____ measures of grain and _____ Ruth home
directing her to tell _____ of the night's activities.

3:16-17 Naomi sees _____ carrying _____ of grain and asks
what _____ that night. Ruth shared all that had happened
and how Boaz would not let her return _____.

3:18 Naomi tells Ruth to be _____. Boaz will not stop until he
_____ all matters.



Ruth, A Love Story #4

The Context:

Naomi and Ruth are back in Bethlehem. Ruth has successfully gleaned in the fields of Boaz, a near relative for both the barley and the wheat harvests. Harvest time is now over and we have Naomi feeling hopeful. As any mother, she is concerned about her daughter-in-law Ruth. Naomi in Chapter 1 expressed a want for her daughters-in-law to have a husband, a home, and children. In chapter three we find Naomi thinking about Ruth and how she might be able to help her find that husband, a home, and children.



Outline of Ruth 3:

- Vs 1-5** **The Plan, Naomi instructs Ruth.**
- Vs 6-9** **The Proposal, After awakening, Boaz is startled by Ruth and her proposal.**
- Vs 10-13** **The Problem, Boaz blesses Ruth and says he will do as she asks, but there is a nearer kinsman redeemer.**
- Vs 14** **The Precaution, Stay until dawn, and then quietly leave.**
- Vs 15-17** **The Provision, Boaz sends Ruth home with 6 measures of Barley.**
- Vs 18** **The Persistence, Naomi reassures Ruth to be patient—Boaz will not rest until he has completed her request.**

Ruth 3 (ESV)

¹Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, should I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you?”

²Is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you were? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor.

³Wash therefore and anoint yourself, and put on your cloak and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

⁴But when he lies down, observe the place where he lies. Then go and un-

cover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do.”

⁵And she replied, “All that you say I will do.”

⁶So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had commanded her.

⁷And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came softly and uncovered his feet and lay down.

⁸At midnight the man was startled and turned over, and behold, a woman lay at his feet!

Ruth 3 (ESV) continued

⁹He said, “Who are you?” And she answered, “I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer.”

¹⁰And he said, “May you be blessed by the Lord, my daughter. You have made this last kindness greater than the first in that you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich.

¹¹And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you ask, for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman.

¹²And now it is true that I am a redeemer. Yet there is a redeemer nearer than I.

¹³Remain tonight, and in the morning, if he will redeem you, good; let him do it. But if he is not willing to redeem you, then, as the Lord lives, I will redeem you. Lie down until the morn-

ing.”

¹⁴So she lay at his feet until the morning, but arose before one could recognize another. And he said, “Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor.”

¹⁵And he said, “Bring the garment you are wearing and hold it out.” So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley and put it on her. Then she went into the city.

¹⁶And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, “How did you fare, my daughter?” Then she told her all that the man had done for her,

¹⁷saying, “These six measures of barley he gave to me, for he said to me, ‘You must not go back empty-handed to your mother-in-law.’”

¹⁸She replied, “Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest but will settle the matter today.”

