

## THE ROMANCE OF REDEMPTION!

(Ruth 3:1-18)

### I. INTRODUCTION

### II. DEATH IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY (1:1-22)

### III. HOPE IN A BARLEY FIELD (2:1-23)

### IV. COMMITMENT ON A THRESHING FLOOR (3:1-18)

#### A. The Kinsman Redeemer Plan (3:1-5)

1. It seems clear from Naomi's question that during the harvest, while Ruth had been \_\_\_\_\_, Naomi had been \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 1)
  
2. Naomi stated the possibility that because Boaz was a close \_\_\_\_\_, he could potentially be a kinsman-\_\_\_\_\_ for Ruth. (v. 2)
  
3. Ruth was instructed to prepare herself much like a bride would for such an encounter (v. 3) ...
  - a. She was to \_\_\_\_\_ herself, which was usually done before special events.
  - b. She was to \_\_\_\_\_ herself; fragrant oils were often used to act as a perfume.
  - c. She was to change into different \_\_\_\_\_ and make herself appealing.
  - d. She was to go to where Boaz was, but yet \_\_\_\_\_ her \_\_\_\_\_.
  
4. The most critical instructions from Naomi were to first take a mental \_\_\_\_\_ where Boaz lied down, and then, later on in the evening, lie down at his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ them. (vv. 4-5)

#### B. The Implementation of the Plan (3:6-15)

1. Demonstrating her \_\_\_\_\_ to her mother-in-law, Ruth followed Naomi's \_\_\_\_\_ to the letter. (vv. 6-7)

2. For whatever reason, Boaz was “*startled*” in the middle of the night; it was then that he noticed a \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ at his feet. (v. 8)
  
3. Acting in \_\_\_\_\_ Ruth offered a \_\_\_\_\_, “*I am Ruth, your maidservant. Take your maidservant under your wing, for you are a close relative.*” (v. 9)
  
4. Boaz could have refused her, but instead he joyfully received Ruth’s proposal for marriage; this was demonstrated in a number of ways...
  - a. Rather than having improper thoughts in this type of situation, Boaz \_\_\_\_\_ her. (v. 10a)
  
  - b. He commended Ruth for her “\_\_\_\_\_” (*hesed*) (v. 10b)
  
  - c. He \_\_\_\_\_ her that he would \_\_\_\_\_ her if the closer relative refused to do so. (vv. 11-13)
  
5. Ruth remained until the early morning, but in order to \_\_\_\_\_, Boaz quickly sent her on her way with an enormous amount of \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 14-15)

### C. The Results of the Plan (3:16-18)

1. Ruth shared with Naomi all that had transpired, and what Boaz had \_\_\_\_\_; she also showed her his generous \_\_\_\_\_ of barley. (vv. 16-17)
  
2. Naomi’s advice to Ruth is good advice for all of us, *Be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ on the Lord.* (v. 18, cf. Ps. 46:10)