

Worship with us in the Word

An Unusual Encounter

Ruth 3

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Two OT Pictures

1. Levirate Marriage – Deuteronomy 25:5-6
2. Kinsman-Redeemer – Leviticus 25:25-28

Naomi's Plan 3:1-4

- Her primary goal: Rest for Ruth
- Her practical method: clean up, dress up, and wait up

Ruth's Actions 3:5-7

Dialogue in the Darkness 3:8-13

- A proposal is offered.
- Reassurance is given.

Dialogues in the Morning 3:14-18

- Boaz and Ruth - concern for integrity and Naomi
- Naomi and Ruth – no secrets

Key Concepts to Remember –

1. God's providential guidance doesn't limit our actions or decision-making efforts.
2. Do not confuse trust in God with fatalism.
3. God brings ultimate good in spite of wrong choices.
4. Seeking rest (security) is still needed. It is found through the gospel of Jesus.
5. Boaz pictures Jesus. As Boaz responded to Ruth, so Christ responds to us.
6. Parents can offer gentle persuasion and serious advice when children are considering marriage.