

## Ruth 3:1-2 (HCS)

<sup>1</sup> Ruth's mother-in-law Naomi said to her, "My daughter, shouldn't I find security for you, so that you will be taken care of? <sup>2</sup> Now isn't Boaz our relative? Haven't you been working with his female servants?"

## Ruth 3:2-3 (HCS)

<sup>2</sup>...This evening he will be winnowing barley on the threshing floor. <sup>3</sup> Wash, put on perfumed oil, and wear your best clothes. Go down to the threshing floor, but don't let the man know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking.

## Ruth 3:4-5 (HCS)

<sup>4</sup> When he lies down, notice the place where he's lying, go in and uncover his feet, and lie down. Then he will explain to you what you should do.” <sup>5</sup> So Ruth said to her, “I will do everything you say.”

**MIDNIGHT**

**Proposal**

**Ruth 3:1-18**

**Dear Yenta,**

My widowed daughter-in-law has daily contact with an older man who shows concern about her and respect for her. In fact, from the moment he saw her, he was deeply interested in her and has treated her like a princess. But fast-forward two months, and he still has not said one word to take their relationship to the next level. She likes him, but he's not getting any younger. How do we get him to ignite his inertia, to light his lethargy, to cancel his coma?

**Befuddled in Bethlehem."** HOTC

Ruth 2:23 (NIV)

So Ruth stayed close to the servant girls of Boaz to glean until the barley and wheat harvests were finished. And she lived with her mother-in-law.









# There was Potential for...

- Rejection
- Ruined Reputation
- Danger

**→ Ruth was WILLING to DO  
whatever Naomi Asked**

**5 “I WILL DO** everything you say,”  
Ruth replied. (NLT)

## Ruth Agreed to **DO ALL** Naomi asked because she...

- **TRUSTED** Naomi's **COMMITMENT** to God
- **KNEW** Naomi would NOT put her at **RISK**
- **TRUSTED** Naomi's Judgment
- **BELIEVED** Naomi's Evaluation of Boaz's Character

1:16 ...Don't ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever **you GO**, I will go;  
wherever **you LIVE**, I will live.

**Your PEOPLE** will be my people,  
and **your GOD** will be my God.

<sup>17</sup> Wherever **you DIE**, I will die,  
and there I will be buried.

**May the LORD punish me severely if  
I allow anything but death to separate us!**

>Why uncover his feet?

>Why did she lay down at his feet?

>Why in the middle of the Night?

**Kinsman-Redeemer-** would **Redeem** or  
**Buy Back** land and people

**Kinsman-Redeemer** had to

-be **FAMILY**

-needed to be **WEALTHY**

-needed to be **WILLING**

**Levirate Marriage-** man would marry  
his brother's widow



It is clear that Boaz understands Ruth's actions and words to mean something

**OTHER than... *sleep with me.***

He understands what she did as an **INVITATION to marriage.** Boaz sees her as a woman of **NOBLE character**

**EQUAL** in

**STATUS and CHARACTER** to himself.

**→ RUTH is a Woman of  
NOBLE Character**

# People of **NOBLE** Character

- Do what is **RIGHT**
- Are **HONEST**
- Cannot be **BOUGHT**
- **ADMIT** it when they are **WRONG**

**→ Ruth displayed the Character  
and Priorities of God**

<sup>10</sup> ...**This KINDNESS** is greater than  
that which you showed earlier...

**Kindness** in Hb *Hesed* -

love, loyalty, grace, mercy faithfulness,  
compassion, kindness

## What is Ruth's Love and Kindness like?

**PATIENT-** Relentless, Persistent,  
and Tenacious

**PROVIDES-** does the hard Work necessary  
to care for the one Loved

**PROTECTS-** Ruth guarded and shielded Naomi from poverty

**PURE-** there is NOT even a hint of immorality in Ruth's behavior

**Sacrificial-** there is a COST to Loving well