

I. INTRODUCTION

II. DECISIONS, DECISIONS, DECISIONS (Ruth 1)

III. GOD'S PROVIDENTIAL HOPE (Ruth 2)

IV. THE KINSMAN REDEEMER PLAN (Ruth 3)

A. The Plan (Ruth 3:1-4)

1. While Ruth had been busy working in the field, and likely talking with Boaz, Naomi had been busy planning a _____. (Ruth 3:1)
 - What 3 problem still exist for Naomi?
 - The name of Elimelech would _____ among the tribes of Israel.
 - The protection of the _____ which was in Naomi's trust.
 - To find _____ and security for Ruth.
 - What is one option that would fix all three problems?
 - What are God's purposes for marriage?
 - For _____ (Gen. 2:14-24)
 - For _____ (Gen. 1:28)
 - For _____ (Prov. 5:18-19)
 - For _____ (1 Cor. 7:2)
 - For _____ (Eph. 5:25-29)
 - For a _____ between Christ and the Church (Eph. 5:30-32)
2. Naomi witnessed the graciousness of Boaz and realized the window of opportunity was about to slip away with no further commitment from Boaz to Ruth, Naomi shared her plan for Ruth to _____ to Boaz. (Ruth 3:2)
 - Is this presumptuous or manipulative for Naomi to do this?
 - There was obvious _____ from Boaz and Ruth. (Ruth 2)
 - This was according to _____ marriage laws. (Deu. 25:5-10)
 - Naomi was not being selfish but rather selfless in looking out for Ruth's _____ needs.

3. Naomi's plan to help Ruth included the following: (Ruth 3:3-4)

- a. Bathe, put on perfume, and put on pretty _____.
- b. Go to the threshing floor, wait until he is in a good mood, asleep, and _____.
- c. Then _____ his feet and lie down under his feet.
- d. _____ until he tells you what to do.

B. The Mission (Ruth 3:5-15)

1. Ruth responded in _____ to Naomi's directions to the letter. (Ruth 3:5-8)
2. Her request to Boaz was that he perform the duty of _____. (Ruth 3:9)
3. Boaz responded favorably to her request by promising to perform this _____ to her, if, another closer relative would not do it. (Ruth 3:10-13)

- Why would he defer this duty?
 - Because the closer relative had the first right of _____.
- How has Ruth "shown more kindness at the end than at the beginning?"
 - Her first act of kindness was her _____ of Naomi and the forsaking of her family and gods. (Ruth 2:11)
 - Her second act of kindness was seeking an _____ for Naomi by marrying a Goel. (Ruth 3:10)
 - This second act of kindness was greater than the first in that though she could have married for personal pleasure and security, she was seeking to do _____ and the benefit for _____ in bearing an heir for her.
- What does Ruth's attitude for Naomi remind us of?

4. Boaz directed her to remain with him that night and return home in the morning before she could be _____, and he will settle the matter _____. (Ruth 3:13-15)

C. The Wait (Ruth 3:16-18)

1. When Ruth returned with the overabundance of barley, she _____ Naomi how the matter went. (Ruth 3:16-17)
2. Naomi encouraged Ruth to _____ while Boaz would not _____ until the matter was settled. (Ruth 3:18)
3. Boaz is an illustration of our Kinsman Redeemer _____ who did not rest until all the work of our redemption was _____.