

## A Righteously Risky Move Ruth 3:1-11

### Two BIG Questions

1. Will God meet Ruth and Naomi's \_\_\_\_\_-term need for \_\_\_\_\_?
2. Will God meet Ruth and Naomi's \_\_\_\_\_-term need for a \_\_\_\_\_?

**The BIG Idea ...** Living by \_\_\_\_\_ in God will require risking much for the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. 2 Cor. 5:7 ... When we have taken refuge under God's wings and are resting in God's grace, we can risk much for God's glory. Mark 8:35 ...

### The Plan

- Naomi: "Ruth, should I not seek rest for you—a ' \_\_\_\_\_ ' for you—that it may be well with you? I need to find you a husband!" Application: Married men, would your wife say that's the kind of husband you are?
- Naomi: "Is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you were? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Get washed up and prettied up and put on your cloak."
- Ruth is not getting prettied up to \_\_\_\_\_ Boaz; she is getting fixed up to \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ to Boaz. 2 Samuel 12:20 ...
- Naomi: "Go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. But when he lies down, observe where he lies. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do."
- Ruth: "I'm \_\_\_\_\_, Naomi. All that you say I will do."

### The Risk

- Ruth is willing to do the \_\_\_\_\_ thing because it's the \_\_\_\_\_ thing. She had promised Naomi that she would care for Naomi. Ruth needs a Jewish man who will redeem her and marry her—even though she is a Moabite woman.
- Ruth has a history of \_\_\_\_\_ in God that enables her to \_\_\_\_\_ much for the glory of God (see chapters 1 & 2).

Righteous Risk or Reckless Risk?

1. Is God's \_\_\_\_\_ me to take this risk? Psalm 37:23, "The steps of a man are established by the LORD."
2. Will taking this risk require me to \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_? Psalm 37:27, "Turn away from evil and do good."
3. Have I sought \_\_\_\_\_ regarding this risk? Proverbs 11:14 says, "In an abundance of counselors there is safety."
4. Is this risk an \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_? Romans 14:23, "Whatever does not proceed from faith is sin."

### The Execution

- Ruth heads down to the threshing floor, and after Boaz finishes dinner and falls asleep, she comes softly, uncovers his feet, and lies down. Ruth is willing to risk everything because she realizes that her \_\_\_\_\_ is in a redeemer—a permanent protector and provider. So she asks Boaz, "Are you \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to redeem me?"
- The greatest \_\_\_\_\_ we could ever take is the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ we could ever face: living and dying without Jesus as our Redeemer.

**The Takeaway:** When you are \_\_\_\_\_ by God, you are forever \_\_\_\_\_ in God, which frees you to \_\_\_\_\_ much for the glory of God (compare Ruth 3:9 with Ruth 2:12). Romans 8:35, 37-39 ...