

**Courage Rewarded
Rescued – Part 4**
Life Church St. Louis – May 27, 2018
Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

Judges 21:25b (ESV) Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

Ruth 2:23 (ESV) So she kept close to the young women of Boaz, gleaning until the end of the barley and wheat harvests. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV) Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Hebrews 11:6 (ESV) And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

1. _____ courage

Ruth 3:2-3 (ESV) Is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you were? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Wash therefore and anoint yourself, and put on your cloak and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

Ruth 3:4 (ESV) But when he lies down, observe the place where he lies. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do.”

2. _____ courage

Ruth 3:6 (ESV) So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had commanded her.

Ruth 3:9 (ESV) He said, “Who are you?” And she answered, “I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer.”

3. _____ courage

Ruth 3:10 (ESV) And he said, “May you be blessed by the LORD, my daughter. You have made this last kindness greater than the first in that you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich.

Ruth 3:11 (ESV) And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you ask, for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman.

Ruth 3:12 (ESV) And now it is true that I am a redeemer. Yet there is a redeemer nearer than I.

4. _____ courage

Ruth 3:15 (ESV) And he said, “Bring the garment you are wearing and hold it out.” So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley and put it on her. Then she went into the city.

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Ruth 3:18 (ESV) She replied, “Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest but will settle the matter today.”

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer.
 - Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun
- Invite a friend for our series **Rescued – Book of Ruth** next Sunday.
- How will I obey God’s Word this week? _____

Courage Rewarded Study Guide

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Intro. If you were Ruth at the time of Ruth 2:23, what would you be thinking and wondering?

What does Proverbs 3:5-6 tell you about how to discern God's will?

What kind of person does God reward (Hebrews 11:6)? Why?

Why is courage needed to follow God's plan for your life (Joshua 1:7)?

1A. What does Naomi's presenting a plan to Ruth tell you about a change in her attitude (Ruth 3:2-3 vs. Ruth 1:20-21)?

1B. Why was Naomi's plan risky (Ruth 3:4)?

1C. What are different ways that God shows us His will?

2A. What does Ruth's response to Naomi tell you about her character (Ruth 3:6)?

2B. How is Ruth's marriage proposal to Boaz based on God's Word (Ruth 3:9, Ruth 2:12, Leviticus 25:25, Deuteronomy 25:5-6)?

2C. How can you make sure your plans are in keeping with God's Word?

3A. In what ways was the proposed marriage between Boaz and Ruth unusual (Ruth 3:10)?

3B. How did Boaz show his integrity in the incident at the threshing floor (Ruth 3:11-12)?

3C. How do Satan's temptations seek to derail God's plans in our lives?

4A. Recount all the ways that Boaz has shown kindness to Ruth (Ruth 3:15).

4B. How is showing kindness part of God's plan for your life?

5A. Why is patience usually required in following God's plan (Ruth 3:18)?

5B. How can impatience derail God's plans for your life?