

## God Uses Faithful Saints...

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Ruth 3:1-18

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### Reminders

- God is sovereign and has a plan that is beautiful Isa 46:11
- God uses the active faith of His people for His purposes

### God uses the Active Faith of His People as they act in Keeping with His Word

- Naomi has a plan, she shares it with Ruth 2-5
- God's law of the Kinsman-Redeemer <sup>Dt 25:5-10; Lev 25:25-28</sup>
- Apply: we should know God's Word and read it alongside our circumstances. Rom 12:1-2
- God's sovereignty should result in us taking action on the basis of what God tells us in His Word.

### God uses the Active Faith of His people as they Ask for Protection on the basis of God's Word

- Ruth humbly submits to Naomi and trusts her to obey
- Boaz celebrated the harvest and was happy; he wasn't drunk <sup>Gal5:19; Eph5:18</sup>. He was a man of character <sup>Ruth2:1</sup>
- Ruth acted in accordance with God's Word - not impropriety. She was a woman of character <sup>Ruth3:11; Prv 31:10</sup>
- Strange customs; Ruth had sought faith under God's wings <sup>2:12</sup>; now seeks Boaz's protection under his wings <sup>3:9</sup>
- Ruth pictures our faith – humbly coming under God's wings

### God uses the Active Faith of His people as they Accept Responsibility Based Upon His Word

- Boaz was under no legal obligation to act; age, 2<sup>nd</sup> in line
- Ruth's request was willingly answered <sup>Ruth3:11</sup>
- Boaz communicates he is committed to redeem her but must follow God's laws; he promises to do it promptly.
- Boaz gives 6 measures of grain to show good faith

### Faithful People Accept and Act on their God-given Responsibilities

- Boaz foreshadows Christ
- We are to be like Boaz and Jesus – walking in active faith according to the truth of God's Word
- We don't have to do great things... we simply need to in faith, be obedient to God's Word in the small things and God will do great things through us!

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