

Sermon Discussion Guide - Ruth 3

Bold Faith & Trust



Ruth 3:1–18

Big Idea: God often teaches us to wait faithfully in the ordinary before calling us to step out in bold faith and trust.

1. God Uses Waiting to Prepare Us

Read Ruth 3:1–6

Between Ruth 2 and Ruth 3 were weeks of ordinary faithfulness. Ruth continued working, Naomi continued trusting, and God continued arranging circumstances. Before redemption moved forward, God taught them patience.

The sermon introduced the acronym: **W.A.I.T.** - **W**orship – **A**bide – **I**nquire - **T**rust

Waiting isn't passive inactivity; it's intimate reflection with God.

Discussion Questions

1. Why is waiting so difficult in our culture?
2. Which part of the W.A.I.T. acronym do you find easiest? Which is most challenging?
3. Is there an area of your life where God may be asking you to wait rather than rush ahead?

2. Faith Requires Action

Read Ruth 3:7–9

Ruth didn't simply wait forever. When the time came, she acted courageously. Approaching Boaz involved vulnerability, risk, and trust. She had no guarantee of how the situation would unfold, yet she stepped forward in faith.

Faith grows when we act on what God has already revealed rather than demanding complete certainty about the future.

Discussion Questions

1. What risks did Ruth face by following Naomi's instructions?
2. Have you ever sensed God leading you to take a step of faith without knowing the outcome?
3. What is the difference between reckless action and faith-filled obedience?

3. God Honors Faithful Trust

Read Ruth 3:10–18

Boaz responds with kindness, protection, and provision. He recognizes Ruth's character and commits himself to pursuing redemption for her family. Throughout the chapter, we see God's invisible hand at work.

Even though the story isn't fully resolved yet, Ruth receives assurance that God is moving things forward.

Discussion Questions

1. Where do you see God's providence at work in this chapter?
2. Why do you think Scripture repeatedly tells God's people, "Do not be afraid"?
3. Can you identify a time in your life when God was working behind the scenes before you could see it?

4. Boaz Points Us to Jesus

Read Galatians 4:4–7

Boaz serves as a picture of Christ, our ultimate Guardian-Redeemer. Just as Ruth came humbly seeking redemption, we come to Jesus recognizing our need for His grace. Through Christ we are redeemed, forgiven, adopted, and welcomed into God's family.

Discussion Questions

1. How does Boaz's role help you better understand what Jesus has done for us?
2. What does it mean to be adopted as a child of God rather than living as a slave to sin and fear?
3. How does knowing you are God's child change the way you face uncertainty?

Takeaway

Ruth's story teaches us that God often works in two stages: **WAIT and GO**. First, He forms our trust through faithful waiting. Then, when the time is right, He calls us to step forward in bold faith. Whether you're waiting for God's direction or sensing it's time to act, remember that your Guardian-Redeemer is already at work behind the scenes.

This Week's Challenge:

Spend time each day practicing the W.A.I.T. pattern (Worship, Abide, Inquire, Trust). Ask God to reveal one specific step of faith He wants you to take and the courage to obey when the time comes.

If you see this... text Pastor Marc the following phrase for a fun surprise. “RUTH pays off!”