

GOD'S HAND IN OUR RISK

Ruth, Part 3

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Ruth 2:18-3:18

Review

- This true story takes place during the “dark” period of the Judges, over 1,000 years BC, in Bethlehem.
- A theme of Ruth is the Providence of God.
- Naomi and Ruth respond to suffering by returning to God and God's people (the church).
- The bible doesn't mention luck, but instead talks about God's favor.

She added, "That man is our close relative; he is one of our family guardians." Ruth 2:20

...he is one of our kinsman-redeemers." (NIV)

Boaz was a _____:
this meant his duty was to rescue family members from slavery/debt.

One day Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, I must find a home for you, where you will be well provided for. Now Boaz, with whose women you have worked, is a relative of ours. Tonight he will be winnowing barley on the threshing floor. Wash and perfume yourself, and put on your best clothes. Then go down to the threshing floor, but don't let him know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, note the place where he is lying. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down. He will tell you what to do." Ruth 3:1-4

In the middle of the night something startled the man; he turned—and there was a woman lying at his feet!

"Who are you?" he asked.

"I am your servant Ruth," she said. "Spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a family guardian."

Ruth 3:8-9

...I saw that you were old enough for love. So I wrapped my garment around you to cover your nakedness and declared my marriage vows. I made a covenant with you, says the Sovereign Lord, and you became mine. Ezekiel 16:8 NLT

"The Lord bless you, my daughter," he replied.

Ruth 3:10

I will do for you all you ask. All the people of my town know that you are a woman of noble character.

Ruth 3:11

The Providence of God sometimes requires taking _____.