

# "On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

# RUTH 3

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Chapter three is a description of how customs were carried out in the days at the end of the Judges and during the days of the early monarchy in the nation of Israel. Naomi said to Ruth, should I now seek "security" for you. The Hebrew word is "nuach" like "Noah" and is the word for rest, to settle, to be at home and secure is the thought. Naomi was watching after Ruth. Naomi knew that Boaz was a "kinsman" and could "redeem" Ruth by paying a redemption price. Not everyone could or would do this, as one had to take full responsibility for debts and care for the one redeemed. So, the Kinsman-redeemer has to be a part of the family. He had to be able and capable in every way to pay the price, no matter what it was. He also had to be willing to pay the redemption price. In the next chapter we will learn that there was a kinsman, a closer relative than Boaz, who could not or would not redeem Ruth and take on Naomi, who was part of the responsibility of the purchase as well.

Naomi designed a bold plan to help Ruth with Boaz. The threshing floor was a public place, and anyone would have

access to it, including thieves. So, Boaz would sleep near the threshing floor during harvest to make sure no one stole his harvest. Naomi, knowing Boaz as a conscientious businessman, would be on the threshing floor sleeping at night after the evening meal. So, she instructed Ruth to go to the place where Boaz would sleep and be full from eating and drinking and very tired. Boaz indeed was where they thought he would be and was fast asleep. Ruth secretly came in for two reasons; to protect Boaz in case she was unsuccessful, and he did not want her, he would not be accused of anything and secondly, to allow herself quietness to perform what she prayed would be a successful gamble. She uncovered his feet that would have been covered for the night and covered his feet with her outer garment and with warm hands laid hold of his feet as a sign of submission. This awakened him and Boaz gave her instruction for next steps.

### Prayer and Action Steps

*God watches over you, even when you don't realize it. Walk with Him. He will protect you. God, thank you that you are in control of my life.*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture \_\_\_\_\_

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

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What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

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Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

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Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act?

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Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions?

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Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible?

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