

The God Who Is Always There Ruth 3:8-18

Where is God?

- Our God reigns from _____. He is above all ... He is transcendent over all. Psalm 97:9 ...
- God is ruling and reigning from heaven ... while He is simultaneously present _____. He isn't just transcendent; He is _____. Jeremiah 23:23-24 ...

Boaz and God's Immanence

- Boaz is a God-saturated guy because he is a God-_____ guy.
- Ruth 2:4, Boaz to his workers: "The _____ bless you." Ruth 2:12, Boaz to Ruth: "The _____ repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the _____, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."

The BIG Idea ... God's personal _____ with us makes a radical _____ in us.

Integrity

- Ruth: "I am your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer."
- Boaz: "May you be blessed by the LORD, my daughter. I am blown away by your kindness. You have not gone after young men." Application: Married men, be _____ that your wife still wants to be your wife (and _____). 1 Peter 3:7 ...
- Many scholars believe that in the original Hebrew Bible, the Book of Ruth came right after the Book of _____. Application: Young people, _____ is the number one trait you look for in a future spouse. And the best way to _____ a godly guy or girl is to _____ a godly guy or girl. So focus on _____ before _____.
- Boaz: "I will redeem you ... but I must _____ to God's law. There is a redeemer who is a _____ relative, and he gets dibs on you. If he will not redeem you, then, as the LORD lives, I will redeem you. Lie down until the morning." Application: When confronted by a complication, we are often tempted to respond with a _____. Proverbs 3:5-6 ...

Generosity

- Boaz will not let Ruth return _____-handed to Naomi. So, Ruth takes home six measures of barley—probably _____ pounds of grain.
- Naomi seems not to notice the big bag of barley—she only wants to know what Boaz said.
- Ruth: "God hasn't only met our need for food; He is meeting our need for a _____. So even though God brought you back to Bethlehem empty, He hasn't _____ you empty. He has filled your hands with food ... and he will fill your heart with a family."
- Naomi: "Just wait a little longer, my daughter ... it won't be long until you learn how it all turns out. Boaz won't rest until the matter is settled. He isn't just a man of overwhelming generosity; he's a man of impeccable integrity."
- In Naomi's words about Boaz, we should be hearing echoes of _____ and seeing reflections of Jesus. 1 Peter 3:18 ... Acts 4:12 ... Galatians 3:26 ...

The Takeaways

1. Integrity in life's _____ moments is _____ in a thousand _____ moments. Psalm 101:2, "I will ponder the way that is blameless ... I will walk with integrity of heart within my house."
2. God's presence with you _____ you to retain your integrity in _____ situation. Philippians 2:13, "It is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure."

Isaiah 40:31, "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."