

RUTH – LOVE AND MARRIAGE

BACKGROUND

3 Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. 4 They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, 5 both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband. Ruth 1:3-5 NIV

Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God. Ruth 1:16b NKJV

- Did having a m _____ who was a convert to Judaism made Boaz more open to a Moabite wife?

A MEETING OF A _____

Now behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said to the reapers, "The LORD be with you!" And they answered him, "The LORD bless you!" Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?" Ruth 2:4-5 NIV

So Boaz said to Ruth, "My daughter, listen to me. Don't go and glean in another field and don't go away from here. Stay here with the women who work for me. Ruth 2:8 NIV

- There is h _____. But is there f _____?

THE RELATIONSHIP GETS S _____ MOVING TOWARD MARRIAGE

"The LORD bless him!" Naomi said to her daughter-in-law. "He has not stopped showing his kindness to the living and the dead." She added, "That man is our close relative; he is one of our kinsman-redeemers." Ruth 2:20 NIV

- Redeem means take c _____ of someone or something.

7 When Boaz had finished eating and drinking and was in good spirits, he went over to lie down at the far end of the grain pile. Ruth approached quietly, uncovered his feet and lay down. 8 In the middle of the night something startled the man; he turned—and there was a woman lying at his feet! Ruth 3:7-8

Who are you?" he asked. "I am your servant Ruth," she said. "Spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a kinsman-redeemer." Ruth 3:9 NIV

The Lord bless you, my daughter," he replied. "This kindness is greater than that which you showed earlier: You have not run after the younger men, whether rich or poor. Ruth 3:10 NIV

Boaz was a g_____ here.

So she lay at his feet until morning, but got up before anyone could be recognized; and he said, "Don't let it be known that a woman came to the threshing floor." Ruth 3:14 NIV

THERE IS A F_____ INVOLVED

He also said, "Bring me the shawl you are wearing and hold it out." When she did so, he poured into it six measures of barley and put it on her. Ruth 3:15 NIV

MAKE IT L_____

Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the land from Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the dead man's widow, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property." Ruth 4:5 NIV

Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses that I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelech, Kilion and Mahlon. I have also acquired Ruth the Moabitess, Mahlon's widow, as my wife. Ruth 4:9-10a NIV

Boaz does two things to show that the arrangement was official:

He receives the other man's s_____

He gets the a_____ of the witnesses:

Then the elders and all those at the gate said, "We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. Ruth 4:11 NIV

A good marriage is filled with _____ commitment.

CELEBRATE THE W_____

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. Ruth 4:13a

The only question is *Who was the h_____?*

FIRST COMES L_____. THEN COMES M_____. THEN....

the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. Ruth 4:13b NIV

And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David. Ruth 4:17b NIV

Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ. Matthew 1:16 NIV.