

A Historic Love

Story

Part 2

Ruth 3

So she stayed close by the young women of Boaz, to glean until the end of barley harvest and wheat harvest; and she dwelt with her mother-in-law.

Ruth 2:23

Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may be well with you?”

Ruth 3:1

Now Boaz, whose young women you were with, is he not our relative? In fact, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor.

Ruth 3:2

***Therefore wash yourself and
anoint yourself, put on your
best garment and go down
to the threshing floor; but do
not make yourself known to
the man until he has finished
eating and drinking.***

Ruth 3:3

Then it shall be, when he lies down, that you shall notice the place where he lies; and you shall go in, uncover his feet, and lie down; and he will tell you what you should do.”

Ruth 3:4

Plan

for success

*And she said to her, “All
that you say to me I will
do.”*

Ruth 3:5

***“When I passed by you
again and looked upon
you, indeed your time was
the time of love; so I
spread My wing over you
and covered your
nakedness.***

***Yes, I swore an oath to
you and entered into a
covenant with you, and
you became Mine,”
says the Lord GOD.***

Ezekiel 16:8

*So she went down to the
threshing floor and did
according to all that her
mother-in-law instructed
her.*

Ruth 3:6

*And after Boaz had eaten
and drunk, and his heart
was cheerful, he went to
lie down at the end of the
heap of grain; and she
came softly, uncovered
his feet, and lay down.*

Ruth 3:7

Implement
a strategy

***Now it happened at
midnight that the man
was startled, and
turned himself; and
there, a woman was
lying at his feet.***

Ruth 3:8

And he said, “Who are you?” So she answered, “I am Ruth, your maidservant. Take your maidservant under your wing, for you are a close relative.”

Ruth 3:9

Be ***forthright***

***Then he said, “Blessed
are you of the LORD, my
daughter!”***

*For you have shown
more kindness at the end
than at the beginning, in
that you did not go after
young men, whether poor
or rich.*

Ruth 3:10

***And now, my daughter,
do not fear. I will do for
you all that you request,
for all the people of my
town know that you are a
virtuous woman.***

Ruth 3:11

***Now it is true that I am a
close relative; however,
there is a relative closer
than I.***

Ruth 3:12

Stay this night, and in the morning it shall be that if he will perform the duty of a close relative for you—good; let him do it.

***But if he does not want
to perform the duty for
you, then I will perform
the duty for you, as the
LORD lives! Lie down
until morning.”***

Ruth 3:13

So she lay at his feet until morning, and she arose before one could recognize another. Then he said, “Do not let it be known that the woman came to the threshing floor.”

Ruth 3:14

Also he said, “Bring the shawl that is on you and hold it.” And when she held it, he measured six ephahs of barley, and laid it on her. Then she went into the city.

Ruth 3:15

*When she came to her
mother-in-law, she said,
“Is that you, my
daughter?”*

*Then she told her all that
the man had done for her.*

Ruth 3:16

And she said, “These six ephahs of barley he gave me; for he said to me, ‘Do not go empty-handed to your mother-in-law.’”

Ruth 3:17

Be *hopeful*

*Then she said, “Sit still,
my daughter, until you
know how the matter will
turn out; for the man will
not rest until he has
concluded the matter this
day.”*

Ruth 3:18

