
Ruth: Overcoming Faith
"Ancient Answers"
Ruth 3

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Introduction: We are working our way through the book of Ruth.

1. In chapter 1 we saw circumstances disintegrate until things couldn't get much worse, but then in chapter 2 we saw things beginning to look up.
2. Despite this positive turn of events, Ruth and Naomi faced very real problems. Those problems gave us a chance to see some ancient answers, and we may learn some important lessons.
3. First, we must realize we are dealing with an ancient culture very different than our own.
4. The answers won't always directly transfer, but the principles will.
5. Let's get started.

I. The Goal: A Stable Society

A. Arranged Marriages

B. Human Mortality

C. The Kinsmen Redeemer

II. The Plan: Approach Boaz

A. Poverty

B. Proposal

C. Complication

D. Waiting

Conclusion: Undoubtedly, these ancient answers seem a bit strange ... but look again!

1. Lesson 1: Security/Stability Is Important

- God roots this value in the family.
- We should always promote and protect family values.

2. Lesson 2: Self-Sufficiency Is Important

- Get an education or skill that allows you to support yourself in the future.

3. Lesson: 3: Dating Is For Mating

- Arranged marriages focused on practicality.
- Being in love should never lead to blindness.

4. Lesson 4: Choose A Godly Partner

- They will not be perfect.
- But a heart in tune with God is a great advantage.