Ruth Handout Week Fourteen

8 It happened in the middle of the night that the man was startled and bent forward; and behold, a woman was lying at his feet. 9 He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth your maid. So spread your covering over your maid, for you are a redeemer." 10 Then he said, "May you be blessed of the LORD, my daughter. You have shown your last kindness to be better than the first by not going after young men, whether poor or rich. 11 Now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you whatever you ask, for all my people in the city know that you are a woman of excellence. 12 Now it is true I am a redeemer; however, there is a relative closer than I. 13 Remain this night, and when morning comes, if he will redeem you, good; let him redeem you. But if he does not wish to redeem you, then I will redeem you, as the LORD lives.

Boaz, the righteous redeemer. Mk. 7:37

How does this redeemer receive and send out the one at his feet?
-He
Jn. 7:20, Rom. 8:34

-He Does He like me? Does He like you? Saving love vs. delighting love.

2 Cor. 5:17, Gal. 2:20 But I'm still a screw-up! Ezek. 36:25 Rom. 8:7, 14

This is true—Gal. 3:26, Mat. 3:16 But does He like me? Gal. 5:22, Eph. 2:10, Phil. 1:6

His delight is not incremental. His delight is not dependent on performance.

Rom. 12:1 Zeph. 3:17 Ps. 147:10 Prov. 3:11 Ask for help. Rom. 5:5

-He

Emotionally Don't trust your sight. Trust the words.

Physically

Reputation

Isa. 53:3, Mat. 26:67, 2 Cor. 5:21

Heb. 12:12??

- -We suffer shame to be faithful in word and deed with the people of God
- -We don't cower in guilty silence. What are you risking for the gospel?
- -Heb. 12:1 This isn't our home anyway.

-He Phil. 4:19, Eph. 1:3

15 So she held it, and he measured six measures of barley and laid it on her. Then she went into the city. 16 When she came to her mother-in-law, she said, "How did it go, my daughter?" And she told her all that the man had done for her. 17 She said, "These six measures of barley he gave to me, for he said, 'Do not go to your mother-in-law empty-handed." 18 Then she said, "Wait, my daughter, until you know how the matter turns out; for the man will not rest until he has settled it today."

The big bag.

The big question. Who are you?

Ruth's final words.

1:20 She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. I went out full, but the LORD has brought me back *empty*.

Naomi's final words.

3:18 Then she said, "Wait, my daughter, until you know how the matter turns out (how the words spoken about a thing will fall); for the man will not rest until he has settled it today."

Rest-manoach lie down- shakab rest/be at peace-shaqat be still-yashab

It's not easy. Ps. 27:14

Resting in the waiting. True rest is entirely dependent on-

Be careful!

Can we still cry out, "How long Oh Lord?" Ps. 130, Ps. 4:1 Ps. 40:1, 12, 17 Isa. 40:28 Gain-2 Cor. 12:8

One more thought

What helps? Bag of grain... Jn. 14:16, Eph. 1:13

Benefits of waiting

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- Rom. 8:23

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- 2 Cor. 4:18

How do you know it you are resting in the waiting.

Rest should be Rest should be

Ps. 62

Two more things.

"Wait, my daughter, until you know how the matter turns out (dabar naphal)." How the words fall. Josh. 23:14

"The man will not rest but will settle the matter today."

Discussion

What are you waiting on besides Jesus? Even if you are waiting on something for your kids or grandkids, that counts.

Share this with others in the group. Pray against any power this thing or situation might have that is or might be interfering with your rest in the Lord.