

**RUTH PART V**  
**“DO GOOD”**  
**SCRIPTURE: RUTH 3 & 4**  
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## INTRODUCTION

- Do we pray ourselves into decisions?
- Proverbs 14:12, “There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.”
- Elimelech and Naomi’s family lost everything because of a poor decision made under pressure.
- God’s unseen providential work is persistently working to reclaim the things we lose.
- Ruth 3:16-18, “When Ruth went back to her mother-in-law...Ruth told Naomi everything Boaz had done for her, <sup>17</sup> and she added, “He gave me these six scoops of barley and said, ‘Don’t go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.’” <sup>18</sup> Then Naomi said to her, “Just be patient, my daughter, until we hear what happens. The man won’t rest until he has settled things today.”

## I. TIMING IS EVERYTHING

- Usually the right time requires waiting.
- The problem is waiting is the antithesis of ‘more now is better.’
- God’s promise to Ruth and the people of Israel was that He would be persistent on their behalf.
- Boaz is a foreshadowing of our kinsman redeemer.
- Our only way forward in this life is to wait at Jesus’ feet.
- What should set Jesus followers apart: The recognition that we are simply servants of a sovereign Savior who has our best interest in mind.

## II. DOING WHAT’S RIGHT IS RIGHT

- The principles God placed created a clear path for Boaz.
- Do the right thing: even when it isn’t convenient, expedient, or in our self-interest.
- Ruth 4:4b-6 – Boaz believes doing the right thing is the right thing! He has integrity.
- Ruth 2:3, “She happened to come to the portion of the field that belonged to Boaz.”
- This is pivotal moment provided by a providential relationship - Andy Stanley
- We might want to call these Divine appointments.
- When we do the right thing God will make all things right, but not always as fast as we might like.

## III. REDEMPTIONS PRICE

- Boaz like Jesus had the ability and the desire to pay the price.
- He also assumed the risk, for marrying a foreign girl.
- Romans 5:6-8, “...<sup>8</sup> But God proves His love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.”
- Grace and mercy always triumph with our Heavenly Father. Always about the heart.

## CLOSE

- Surrendered and vulnerable Ruth is at home waiting.
- Sometimes the waiting is long.
- Jesus operates fine on His own as a Redeemer. He only needs our surrender and submission.
- Psalm 127:1, “Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted.”
- God is at work, even when we don’t see Him.
- Jesus is the great demonstration of God’s providence. The evidence of His persistent work to reclaim us!!!