

HARVESTING A LIFE OF HOPE

Surrender
Message 3

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2. **God's _____.**
(Ruth 3:7-13. C/R: Luke 22:42; Romans 8:7; 10:3; Hebrews 4:16; James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:6)

► Outline

So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time He will lift you up in honor. Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you.
1 Peter 5:6-7 (NLT)

A. Introduction

3. **God's _____ and _____.**
(Ruth 3:14-18. C/R: Psalm 27:14; 46:10; Proverbs 3:5-6; Isaiah 40:31; 55:8-9; Romans 8:28)

B. We harvest a life of hope by submitting to...

1. **Earthly _____.**
(Ruth 3:1-6. C/R: Romans 13:1-2; Philippians 2:3-4; Titus 3:1; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 2:13-14; 5:5)

Engage

Where do you see God's silent fingerprints in your life? Encourage one another by sharing a picture, video or text in the comments of our Facebook post at facebook.com/BrookwoodChurch this week. Use #GodsFingerprints @BrookwoodChurch.

Answers: 1. authority 2. authority 3. plan, timing

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself, with those in your home or with others using video chat.

Introduction

The Book of Ruth reveals the invisible fingerprints of God throughout history and in our individual lives. As we walk through the story, we discover how God offers hope and direction in a world full of pain and difficulty.

Opening in Prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Ask God to help you experience His love and hear His voice as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

Conversation Starter

Describe a time someone came through for you in an unexpected way.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Boaz is a *family redeemer* (see [Ruth 2:20](#); [3:9](#), [12](#); [4:1](#), [3](#), [6](#), [8](#), [14](#)). This role (also referred to as *kinsman-redeemer*) is found in [Leviticus 25:23-55](#); [27:9-25](#). Upon the death of a male Israelite, who fails to leave behind a son, the brother of the deceased man is commanded to take his widow as wife and both redeem the land and provide a son to carry on the family name. In this chapter, Ruth is pleading with Boaz to fulfill his role as family redeemer. The rest of Ruth's story (and history) hinges on Boaz's response to her efforts.

Read [Ruth 3:1-6](#).

1. Why did Naomi send Ruth to approach Boaz... why didn't she just go herself?
2. In the culture during this time, Ruth's actions would not have been understood as provocative or out of line. Instead, she was taking the role of a humble and submissive servant. What examples of godly submission have you seen in people you know?
3. Why was Boaz the perfect choice for a husband for Ruth? What were the risks in approaching him?

4. What are risks for a person who chooses to follow God?
5. Describe a time you had to do something difficult, but you knew it was the right thing to do. What gave you courage (or prevented you from stepping out) in that situation?
6. What's the relationship between submission and trust?
7. What character traits did Ruth portray in this chapter?
8. Ruth approached Boaz, but had to wait patiently for his response. Describe a time you had to wait for God.
9. Our acts of faithfulness to God allow Him the opportunity to reveal His faithfulness toward us. What ways can you demonstrate faithfulness to God this week?

Soul Training

Who in your life needs to know God's love story of redemption? Pray for them. Ask God to provide you an opportunity to share God's love.

Memory Verse

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[1 Peter 5:6-7 \(NLT\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day 1: [Romans 13:1-7](#)

Day 4: [Titus 3:1-8](#)

Day 2: [Hebrews 4:12-16](#)

Day 5: [Proverbs 31:10-31](#)

Day 3: [Psalm 27:1-14](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

God has been faithful as we've gathered online, and we see His mercy in the opportunity to gather again in person. To prepare for the message Sunday June 7, read [James 1:2-8](#), [12](#) and [2 Corinthians 13:5](#).

