

A "Christmas" Promise

Ruth 3

Naomi's Scandalous Plan (1-5)

- _____ yourself (wash, anoint, put on cloak)
- _____ on Boaz (go to threshing floor, keep hidden, see where he lies)
- _____ (go to him, uncover his legs, lie down)

Boaz could have taken offense at Ruth's forwardness and refused to have anything more to do with her. Though a man of standing in the community, he could have taken advantage of Ruth, and if necessary, lied about what happened. Naomi did no one any favor that night. She put both Ruth and Boaz at risk of yielding to temptation or being unjustly accused. Dean Ulrich

Ruth's Brave Advance (6-9)

- _____ Naomi's plan
- _____
- Asked Boaz to _____ her
"I am your servant"
"Spread your wings over your servant"
"You are a redeemer"

All is subtle. All is righteous. All is strategic. John Piper

Boaz's Encouraging Promise (10-15)

- _____ her
- _____ to her proposal

- _____ her

When Boaz says, "All the townspeople know you are a worthy woman," he is giving her the same title the author gave to Boaz in 2:1. He puts her on equal status with himself.

Paul Miller

- _____ her
- _____ her

Naomi's Pregnant Question (16-18)

Naomi: _____?

Ruth: "The one bringing evidence that you will be _____ again!"

	Naomi-- <i>Physical</i>	Us-- <i>Spiritual</i>
Empty	Destitute now no husband, no sons No hope for future loss of family name and property before or at her death	Destitute now trapped in sin and condemned No hope for future unable to pay for sins
REDEEMER	BOAZ	JESUS
Full	Provision for now husband to provide for Ruth son-in-law to provide for Naomi Hope for future grandsons on the way family name, property continue	Provision for now forgiveness for sins and shame power to live for Christ Hope for future eternal life in heaven

The Christmas Promise – Through Jesus Empty Becomes Full!

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

John 3:16-17