

RUTH A WOMAN OF FAITH--PART V
SERMON TITLE: CHOOSING YOUR NEXT STEP
SERMON THEME: YOU NEED A PLAN
SERMON TEXT: RUTH 4:1-2

THE SHORTEST DISTANCE BETWEEN TWO POINTS MAY BE A STRAIGHT LINE. BUT, SELDOM IS LIFE SO SIMPLE THAT WE REACH OUR GOALS BY TRAVELING A STRAIGHT LINE.

JAMES 4:10

- RUTH SEEKS OUT BOAZ TO BECOME HER GUARDIAN REDEEMER, AND BOAZ TAKES ON THE RESPONSIBILITY.

RUTH 3:12-13

- BOAZ TRULY DESIRED TO MARRY RUTH, BUT HE WOULD HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE HOW THE NEAREST KINSMAN WOULD RESPOND TO THE OPPORTUNITY OF REDEMPTION TOWARDS RUTH AND NAOMI.

JAMES 1:12

- THE DECISIONS YOU MAKE TODAY DETERMINES THE STORY YOU TELL TOMORROW.

IF BOAZ WAS GOING TO CHANGE HIS STORY 3 THINGS NEEDED TO HAPPEN

I) HE NEEDED THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD

RUTH 4:1-2

- BOAZ WENT TO THE CITY GATES TO REDEEM NAMOI'S PROPERTY BECAUSE YOU CONDUCTED BUSINESS IN PUBLIC BEFORE WITNESSES.

RUTH 4:3

- IF YOU WANT TO SEE THE PROVIDENTIAL POWER OF GOD YOU HAVE TO LOOK BACKWARDS TO SEE GOD.

II) HE NEEDED A STRATEGIC PLAN.

RUTH 4:4-6

- THE OTHER KINSMAN WAS NOT WILLING TO **PROVIDE** ALL THAT WAS NECESSARY TO **REDEEM** RUTH. HE WAS INTERESTED IN HER **INHERITANCE**, BUT NOT IN **RUTH**.

ROMANS 8:3-4

THE LAW OF GOD WAS NEVER ORDAINED FOR **REDEMPTION**. IT DOES NOT **POSSESS** ALL THAT WAS NECESSARY TO MEET THE **DEMANDS** OF GOD.

PROVERBS 21:5

- ONE OF THE MOST **SPIRITUAL** THINGS YOU CAN DO IS TO MAKE **A PLAN**.

RUTH 4:7-10

- THE **DECISION** MADE BETWEEN BOAZ AND RUTH TELLS THE STORY OF GOD'S **PLAN** FOR THEIR LIVES.

III) HE NEEDED FAITHFUL SPIRIT FILLED **PRAYERS**.

- **SPIRIT FILLED** PRAYERS ARE ALL OVER THE BOOK OF RUTH THROUGH GOD'S **PROVIDENTIAL** CARE.

RUTH 4:11

- THOSE PRESENT THAT DAY **OFFERED** BOAZ AND RUTH THE RICHEST **BLESSINGS**.

II TIMOTHY 1:9

- YOUR SINS HAVE BEEN **BURIED** IN THE SEA OF GOD'S **FORGETFULNESS**, NEVER TO BE **REMEMBERED** AGAIN!

CONCLUSION: THINK ABOUT YOUR **NEXT STEP** WITH GOD'S PROVIDENCE, PLANNING AND PRAYER AS GOD WRITES YOUR **NEXT CHAPTER**.