

GBUMC COMPASS

A Weekly Worship Guide

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"Friends in Christ exercising love, hope and grace to enrich all lives."

Sermon Recap

If I'm being honest, the story of Ruth bothers me. Not Ruth, herself, and not Naomi, but the very fact that they believed the only security Ruth could find in this life would be through seducing Boaz and becoming pregnant with his child who would be named Obed. I'm bothered because I can only imagine what Ruth's sense of self-worth must have been, hearing this humiliating truth from her mother-in-law Naomi. It reminds me that there are young girls, today, (and young boys, for that matter) who measure their worth based on the similar standards of physical attractiveness and promiscuity. So why is it in the Bible? What if we begin to see the Bible not as a book full of good things, but rather a book full of God's people living in the midst of God's goodness and grace? What if the story of Ruth isn't about how she found security, but how God acted through the child of this sad situation to bring about the family line of Jesus Christ?

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place

where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do."

-Ruth 3:1-5

Applied to My Life

Think about challenging moments in your life, or even challenging and unfortunate moments in the lives of those you know. We wouldn't believe God made that happen, would we? Take time to consider how God might actually cause some good to come out of the unfortunate situations that God had nothing to do with? Now ask, how has the good God has done outweighed the bad that came first?

Other Worship Notes I Want to Remember: