

THE REAL LIFE OF RUTH

PART NINE: IN FOR A PENNY, IN FOR A POUND

Ruth 3:1-6 ♦ Pastor Dean Lancaster ♦ June 2, 2024

Naomi has a problem and God has the solution in the man Boaz. But how does the solution get applied to the problem?

This intermediate step is where some followers of Jesus tend to get stuck. How do we apply God's solutions to our needs?

We have the problem

Ruth 3:1 *One day Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, should I not try to find a home for you, where you will be well provided for?"*

To admit the need is to admit we cannot solve the problem ourselves.

Sometimes our needs will require the cooperation of others.

As a follower of Jesus, we develop the habit of taking our need directly to Him.

God has the solution

Ruth 3:2-3 *Is not Boaz, with whose servant girls you have been, a kinsman of ours? Tonight he will be winnowing barley on the threshing floor. Wash and perfume yourself, and put on your best clothes. Then go down to the threshing floor, but don't let him know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking.*

Why do we come to God seeking His answer to our problems?

Our Father sacrificed Jesus to grant us access to Himself.

We are in the family of God and have the privilege of asking for His help.

Our God makes Himself available at all times to receive and listen to us.

We must respond

Ruth 3:4-6 *When he lies down, note the place where he is lying. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down. He will tell you what to do." "I will do whatever you say," Ruth answered. So she went down to the threshing floor and did everything her mother-in-law told her to do.*

We are given the responsibility to apply the solution to the problem.

In many instances, God's solution will require our humility and vulnerability.

We must risk possible awkwardness and embarrassment.

We must commit to be in for a penny, in for a pound.

Take this with you...

Every person's first need is for a permanent and restful home.

Seasons of our lives may seem dark, but God is aware and has the ability to meet our need.

The Lord desires to meet with us far more than we do.

It's not the gifts that we seek, but the Giver.