

Title: "Sleepless and Single"

Text: Ruth 3

Target: Finding rest in the promises of God, and having faith to wait on them to come to pass is the tension of every follower of Jesus. We wait in the wonder of what if, feeling like time is running out, but instead we discover that God has been running ahead of us the entire time. Today's message is a reminder that as we wait, God is working!

Teaching Principles:

I. Seeking Security: (Ruth 3:1-4)

a. **Strategic Plan:** *"should I not seek REST for you" Vs. 1*

i. **Person of Interest:** *"Boaz our relative" Vs. 2*

ii. **Place of Importance:** *"at the Threshing floor" Vs. 2*

b. **Strategic Proposal:**

i. **Presentation of Transformation:** *"wash...anoint and put on your cloak" Vs. 3*

ii. **Declaration of Expectation:** *"uncover his feet" Vs. 4*

II. Risking Security: (Ruth 3:5-9)

a. **Moabite Misunderstanding (Genesis 19):** *"eaten and drunk...lie down" Vs. 7*

b. **Midnight Meeting:** *"at midnight the man was startled" Vs. 8*

i. **Bold Move:** *"uncovered his feet" Vs. 7-8*

ii. **Bold Request:** *spread your wings " Vs. 9*

1. **Heart of Submission:** *"your servant" Vs. 9*

2. **Hope of Salvation:** *"You are redeemer" Vs. 9*

a. **Relative:** Leviticus 25:25-28

b. **Resources:** Leviticus 25:47-55

c. **Resolve:** Deut. 25:47-55

c. **Meaningful Message:** *"May you be blessed by the Lord" Vs. 10*

i. **Expresses Delight:** *"last kindness greater than the first" Vs. 10*

ii. **Explains the Delay (6 weeks):** *"not gone after young men" Vs. 10*

iii. **Exposes Doubt:** *"poor or rich" Vs. 10*

III. Willing Security: "And now, my daughter" Vs. 11

a. **Gracious Comfort:** *"Do Not Fear" Vs. 11*

i. **I am Willing:** *"I will do for you all that you ask" Vs. 11*

ii. **You are Worthy:** *"you are a worthy woman" Vs. 11*

b. **Guiding Confidence:** *"Redeemer (5x)" Vs. 12-14*

i. **Small Problem:** *"redeemer nearer than I" Vs. 12*

ii. **Sure Promise:** *"I will redeem you" Vs. 13*

c. **Gift of Compassion:** *"bring the garment...hold it out" Vs. 15*

i. **Seed of Hope:** *"six measures of barley" Vs. 15*

ii. **Sacred Help:** *"not go back empty handed" Vs. 17*

Take Away: Finding Security in the Savior is understanding that if He was willing to REDEEM you, He is willing to give you REST in whatever circumstance of fear that causes you to worry about tomorrow. YOUR REDEEMER LIVES!