

In today's scripture, we looked at the story where Ruth, following the advice of her mother-in-law Naomi, goes under Boaz's blanket at the threshing floor on the day of barley threshing. From Ruth's perspective, she entrusted her future and destiny to Boaz. She did her best.

Then, Ruth receives an unexpected response from Boaz (verses 12-13). Boaz says, "Although I am a close relative to you, there is one closer than I. If he is willing to redeem you, good; but if not, as surely as the Lord lives, I will do it."

For Ruth, this is shocking news. Ruth was moved by Boaz's character and faith, and Naomi was confident that God was guiding her, so she sent Ruth to Boaz. But unexpected things are happening.

Ruth returns and shares the events with her mother-in-law (verses 16-17). Naomi then gives Ruth this advice in verse 18: "Wait, my daughter, until you find out what happens. For the man will not rest until the matter is settled today."

To wait and see how this will unfold is to say, "Let's wait quietly." We've done all we can. Now let's see how God leads. It is not easy to sit still, not going back to Boaz, or seeking the closer relative.

However, Ruth enters this difficult position of waiting. She waits without complaining, without being anxious. How did Ruth endure this time of waiting?

There are times in our lives when God allows us to encounter unexpected situations. Sometimes what we hoped and longed for does not happen or is delayed. In such times, I believe there are two key elements of faith we should remember and hold on to.

First, we must believe that God is the sovereign ruler over our lives and history.

It is natural that our lives do not go according to our thoughts, plans, or wishes. Because we are not the masters of our own lives. Many people realize that life does not go according to their will, even if they try hard. However, people of faith must take a step further. We must acknowledge and believe that God is the ruler of our lives and the Lord of history. When we accept and believe this, we can begin to wait in faith. Instead of complaining or resenting, we wait for God's will and His work.

Second, we must believe that God is working for us without resting.

In today's passage, the verses 17 and 18 show that God loves Ruth and Naomi. In verse 17, Ruth conveys Boaz's words. Through Boaz's instruction not to return empty-handed, Ruth realizes that God is caring for and blessing her. (Reference, Ruth 1:20-21). Naomi also speaks of God's continuous work for them.

This faith, that God is for us and that He is working for us without resting, allowed Ruth to wait with joy. God neither slumbers nor sleeps. Even though no visible changes occur, and we feel frustrated because there's nothing we can do, the waiting itself becomes a blessing and a song of praise because we believe that God is working for us.

**Bible
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” (Psalm 46:10)

**Bible
Reading**

8/26(Mon)	8/27(Tue)	8/28(Wed)	8/29(Thur)	8/30(Fri)	8/31(Sat)	9/1(Sun)
Jeremiah 29-31	Jeremiah 32-33	Jeremiah 34-36	Jeremiah 37-38	Jeremiah 39-42	Jeremiah 43-44	Jeremiah 45-48

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Quiet Time Passage

8/12(Mon)	8/13(Tue)	8/14(Wed)	8/15(Thur)	8/16(Fri)	8/17(Sat)	8/18(Sun)
1 Thess. 5:12-22	1 Thess. 5:23-28	2 Thess. 1:1-12	2 Thess. 2:1-12	2 Thess. 2:13-3:5	2 Thess. 3:6-18	Nehemiah 1:1-11

**Sharing
Questions**

1. Please share any new insights or grace you have received from today’s message.
2. Is there something you are waiting for God to work on and bless? Please share it.
3. Share and pray together on how you can endure the time of waiting with faith in your current life.