

DID YOU HEAR?

Ruth 3:16

**Tonight we'll read and good love story
and observe some great principles as well**

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I. A STORY OF LOVING LOYALTY

A. NAOMI'S LOYALTY

1. Her Question (16)
2. Her Concern (1)
3. Her Instruction (2-4)

B. RUTH'S LOYALTY

1. Committed (1:16,17)
2. Compliant (3:5-7)
3. Communicating (3:16)

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II. A STORY OF LOVING TENDERNESS

A. RUTH'S REQUEST (8-9)

1. Humble: "I am your maidservant"
2. Considerate: Take me under your wing (skirt)
3. Thoughtful

B. BOAZ'S RESPONSES (10-15)

1. He Blessed Her (10)
2. He Encouraged Her (11)
3. He Respects Her (12)
4. He Committed to Her (13)
5. He is Concerned About Her (14)
6. He Provides for Her (15, 17)

C. NAOMI'S REMARKS (18)

1. Rest Ruth!
2. Restless Boaz

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III. A STORY THAT LIFTS THE SPIRIT

A. SOME ARE FAITHFUL WHEN OTHERS ARE AWFUL

1. Ruth is written in a time when many in Israel were wicked
2. God blesses those that are faithful

B. DECENT PEOPLE ARE OUT THERE

1. Everyone's not a rascal!
2. The characters here are a righteous remnant
 - There is always a Christian counter-culture at work

C. THERE'S A BETTER LOVE STORY THAN RUTH'S

1. Read Ephesians 2:1-10
2. The godless are the objects of God's love and Christ's redemption

D. WHAT GOOD THINGS HAVE YOU RECENTLY SEEN OR HEARD?

1. Will you share them?
2. Will you tell all what some have done?
3. These testimonies give encouragement to us who get weary and worried about our wicked world.

CONCLUSION:

It's great to hear a love story!

- Live right ... love righteousness ... and listen for God at work.