

**Series: Redeemed from Ruin (the Book of Ruth)**

**Sermon: What a Character!**

**Bible Verses: Ruth 3:1-11**

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Good \_\_\_\_\_, and obeying God, produces good \_\_\_\_\_.

**What \_\_\_\_\_, actually matters.**

We finally see God confirm that Ruth is going to have a great \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!

**Boaz agrees to marry Ruth, but points out the biggest reason: Ruth is a woman of \_\_\_\_\_.**

Ruth has strength of character and valor. She is \_\_\_\_\_ when it comes to doing the \_\_\_\_\_.

**EVIDENCE OF RUTH'S NOBLE CHARACTER:**

- Ruth chose to \_\_\_\_\_ Naomi instead of following her "own path" (3:5)
- Ruth chose to \_\_\_\_\_ instead of wavering and being indecisive (3:9b)
- Ruth chose a Godly and honest \_\_\_\_\_ (Boaz) instead of a younger partner (3:10)
- Ruth chose \_\_\_\_\_ instead of her old false Gods (1:16 "your God my God" as opposed to Orpah)
- Ruth chose to be \_\_\_\_\_ to the widow, Naomi, instead of the comfort of her old home (1:16)
- Ruth chose \_\_\_\_\_ in the fields instead of laziness, begging, or quitting (2:17)
- Ruth chose \_\_\_\_\_ work instead of "immoral " professions (2:2)
- Ruth chose \_\_\_\_\_ instead of abandoning the right and difficult path (2:23)
- Ruth chose to \_\_\_\_\_ instead of her own schemes (or Ruth's plan was to trust God) (2:12)

2 Chronicles 16:9 NASB: The eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may \_\_\_\_\_ those whose heart is completely His.

**When we \_\_\_\_\_ GOD, and live with NOBLE CHARACTER, we can have an expectation of a \_\_\_\_\_.**

When we are men and women of noble character we look forward \_\_\_\_\_, in the end.

**Read it out loud every day this week:**

- Noble character matters. God **wants** to strongly support those whose heart is completely His!
- My character, the grace of God, and my actions, **will** change the outcome of my life.
- I **will** be a man/woman of noble character; I believe in God, I will be loyal, I will be honest, I will be hard working, I will be obedient to those in authority, I will persevere when it's difficult,

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(add noble character qualities that you want to focus on)

- I look forward to winning today, this year, and when Jesus returns because my heart is completely his.

**Growth Group prep**

- Read Ruth 3:1. Naomi gives a very clear direction to Ruth. God was using Naomi's authority to move Ruth towards Boaz. Read Romans 13:1-7 - it was written in regards to government, but gives directives about authority. In verse 3, do you think being commended refers to merely from governments, or from God too? Why?
- Does anything strike you as problematic from the Romans 13:1-7 verses?
- Why would God consider it noble and good to obey *human* authorities? (re-read Romans 13 if needed)