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Taking Risks in the Dark

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HOPE
How Ruth reminds that God always has a plan

Scripture Reading

Ruth 3:1-18(ESV)



Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, should I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you? ² Is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you were? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. ³ Wash therefore and anoint yourself, and put on your cloak and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

Ruth
3:1-18

⁴ But when he lies down, observe the place where he lies. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do.” ⁵ And she replied, “All that you say I will do.” ⁶ So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had commanded her. ⁷ And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came softly and uncovered his feet and lay down.

Ruth
3:1-18

⁸ At midnight the man was startled and turned over, and behold, a woman lay at his feet! ⁹ He said, “Who are you?” And she answered, “I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer.” ¹⁰ And he said, “May you be blessed by the LORD, my daughter. You have made this last kindness greater than the first in that you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich.

Ruth
3:1-18

¹¹ And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you ask, for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman. ¹² And now it is true that I am a redeemer. Yet there is a redeemer nearer than I. ¹³ Remain tonight, and in the morning, if he will redeem you, good; let him do it. But if he is not willing to redeem you, then, as the LORD lives, I will redeem you. Lie down until the morning.”

Ruth
3:1-18

¹⁴ So she lay at his feet until the morning, but arose before one could recognize another. And he said, “Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor.” ¹⁵ And he said, “Bring the garment you are wearing and hold it out.” So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley and put it on her. Then she went into the city.

Ruth
3:1-18

¹⁶ And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, “How did you fare, my daughter?” Then she told her all that the man had done for her, ¹⁷ saying, “These six measures of barley he gave to me, for he said to me, ‘You must not go back empty-handed to your mother-in-law.’” ¹⁸ She replied, “Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest but will settle the matter today.”

Ruth
3:1-18



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A Risk Worth Taking

I. Why?

II. How?

III. What?

IV. When?



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I. Why? | The Motivation



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Ruth
2:23

So she kept close to the young women of Boaz, gleaning until the end of the barley and wheat harvests. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

**Ruth
3:1b**

“My daughter, should I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you?”

**Ruth
1:9a**

“The LORD grant that you may find rest [...] in the house of [your] husband!”

Covenantal relationship motivates us to take risks for each other



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II. How? | The Plan

I. Why? | The Motivation



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**Ruth
3:2a**

“Is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you were?”

**Ruth
3:2b**

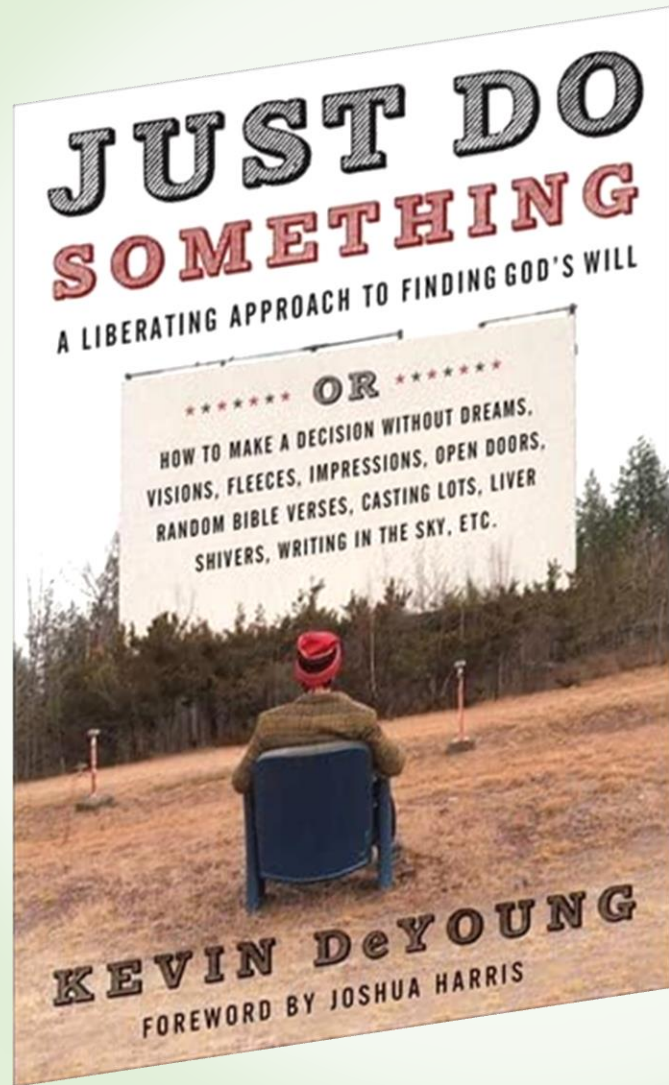
**“See, he is winnowing barley tonight
at the threshing floor.”**



*You are
free to make
decisions!*

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“The only chains God wants us to wear are the chains of righteousness--not the chains of hopeless subjectivism, not the shackles of risk-free living, not the fetters of horoscope decision making--just the chains befitting a bond servant of Christ Jesus. Die to self. Live for Christ. And then do what you want, and go where you want, for God's glory.”

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III. What? | The Execution

I. Why? | The Motivation

II. How? | The Plan

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Ruth
3:5-6

⁵ And [Ruth] replied, “All that you say I will do.” ⁶ So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had commanded her.

Ruth
3:9b

“Spread your wings over [me], for you are a redeemer.”

**Ruth
3:11**

“And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you ask, for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman.”

*A plan worth
executing, is a plan
worth dying to
ourselves for*



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IV. When? | The Wait

- I. Why? | The Motivation
- II. How? | The Plan
- III. What? | The Execution

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**Ruth
3:12**

“And now it is true that I am a redeemer. Yet there is a redeemer nearer than I.”

It is in the waiting that
God's covenantal relationship
with us is tested



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**Ruth
3:18**

“Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest but will settle the matter today.”

**Ruth
3:1b**

“should I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you?”

**Matthew
11:28**

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

Benediction

