

RUTH

finding **HOPE** in a disappointing world

Ruth 3: Cocooning or Communing~ The Role of Community in Disappointing Times

1. We should learn from _____
_____ in our community

- Counsel can be provided by _____
"One day Naomi, her mother-in-law, said to her, 'My daughter, should I not try to find a home for you, where you will be well provided for?'" 3:1
- Counsel should be rooted in _____
"Is not Boaz, with whose servant girls you have been, a kinsman of ours?" 3:2
- Counsel should be _____
"I will do whatever you say," Ruth answered. So she went down to the threshing floor and did everything her mother-in-law told her to do." 3:5-6

2. We should accept _____
_____ from our community

- We should express our _____
"I am your servant Ruth," she said. 'Spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a kinsman-redeemer.'" 3:9
- We must allow the _____
"I will do for you all you ask. All my fellow townsmen know that you are a woman of noble character. Although it is true that I am near of kin, there is a kinsman-redeemer nearer than I. Stay here for the night, and in the morning if he wants to redeem, good; let him redeem. But if he is not willing, as surely as the LORD lives I will do it. Lie here until morning." 3:11-13
"He also said, 'Bring me the shawl you are wearing and hold it out.' When she did so, he poured into it six measures of barley and put it on her. Then he went back to town. 3:15

3. We must trust in _____
through our community

- The Lord's deliverance is not always _____
"So Ruth stayed close to the servant girls of Boaz to glean until the barley and wheat harvests were finished. And she lived with her mother-in-law. 2:23
"Then Naomi said, 'Wait, my daughter, until you find out what happens.'" 3:18a
- The Lord's deliverance is usually not _____
"For the man will not rest until the matter is settled today." 3:18b

Now What?

- Stay faithful to _____
- Join and be regular in a _____
- Try for _____
- Be available to _____