

The Kinsman Redeemer “Uncovering the Feet”

- Ruth 3:1** Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may be well with you?"
- 2** "Now is not Boaz our kinsman **redeemer**, with whose maids you were? Behold, he winnows barley at the threshing floor tonight.
- 3** "Wash yourself therefore, and anoint yourself *{i.e. So, take a bath, put on some perfume }* and put on your best clothes, and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.
- 4** "It shall be when he lies down, that you shall ~~notice the place where he lies~~ **note where his partition / stall / booth is**, and you shall go and uncover his feet *{i.e., post a legal note outside his partition / stall / booth }* ; ~~and lie down~~ then he will tell you what you shall do."
- 5** She said to her, "All that you say I will do."
- 6** So she went down to the threshing floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law had commanded her.
- 7** When Boaz had eaten and drunk and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain; and she came ~~secretly~~ **quietly** and uncovered his feet *{i.e., posted her legal note }*. ~~and lay down~~.

- 8 It happened in the middle of the night that the man was startled and ~~bent forward; and behold, a woman was lying at his feet.~~
he saw a woman {*i.e.* delivering the mail }.
- 9 He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth your maid. So spread your covering over your maid {*i.e.* cloak me with your legal auspices / protection over me / put me under your legal authority}, for you are ~~a close relative~~ **our kinsman redeemer.**"
- 10 Then he said, "May you be blessed of the LORD, my daughter. You have shown your last kindness to be better than the first by not going after young men, whether poor or rich.
- 11 "So now, my daughter, do not fear. ~~I will do for you whatever you ask,~~ **My intention is to do both**, for all my people in the city know that you are a woman of excellence.
- 12 "Now it is true I am a close (blood) relative {*i.e.* kinsman redeemer}; however, there is a relative closer than I.
- 13 "Stay here tonight, and when morning comes, if he will redeem you, good; let him redeem you. But if he ~~does not wish to redeem you~~
cannot redeem you, then I will redeem you, as the LORD lives. ~~Lie down until morning.~~ **Stay here until the morning.**"