

Forget Boaz



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The Misconception



(Ruth 1:15 - 16) “Look,” said Naomi, “your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her.”

16 But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. 17 Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.”

The prevalent misconception floating around social media, church socials, and family gatherings is the idea that a single Christian woman should be willing to

wait on her Boaz. The sentiment behind the idea is warranted.

Patience is a virtue that is sorely lacking from the current generation.

Unfortunately, the idea that a woman should be willing to wait for a good man who will sweep her off her feet and provide all of her needs is limiting and frankly insulting to women.

This life we live by faith and that faith should be in the Lord. Not in the idea that a good man is just around the corner. It's time for this generation to stop looking for Boaz and to start looking for the Truth. It is my prayer that this book opens your eyes to the reality of the matter: Stop looking for Boaz and start looking for God.

It's in God that we find our being. It's in His will that we find our purpose and it is in your purpose that you will be restored.

Sincerely,

Life Coach Livi Anderson.

The Truth About Ruth

The book of Ruth has been misunderstood and the misunderstanding is now being used as a clever and catchy marketing ploy. The thought process behind the phenomenon is silly at best and down right dangerous at worst.

Ruth never went looking for Boaz. She didn't prepare herself for Boaz when she stepped out to follow God. The book of Ruth is about so much more than a woman finding a man. The teachings taking place in the world right now that specifically refer to the finding of "Boaz" are wrong.

Worst, the teachers are living lives that contradict the word while pushing feel good messages that do nothing for the Queens who are seeking the Truth. The scripture reveals that this would be the trend in the last days and it's heartbreaking to see this in the world right now:

2 Timothy 3:6-7 reads as follows:

6They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over gullible women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, 7 always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth.

The amplified version takes it a little deeper:

6 For among them are those who worm their way into homes and captivate silly and weak-natured and spiritually dwarfed women, loaded down with [the burden of their] sins [and easily] swayed and led away by various evil desires and seductive impulses.

7 [These weak women will listen to anybody who will teach them]; they are forever inquiring and getting information, but are never able to arrive at a recognition and knowledge of the Truth.

The key way that the wolves are finding their way into our homes is through social media. The unpopular message of accountability, setting standards, keeping your legs closed until marriage, saying no to just being friends, praying for your ex and his new girl, listening to wisdom, and wanting the best for the father of your children even if it's not you, - none of that makes it to the surface.

The Word requires this of every believer but it's not making it to the light because there is no money in it. Now we wonder why we're single. Staying faithful to your promise is half the battle. Getting ready for it is the other. If you're ready to get out of the dry season, then you need shut off the noise and tune in to the Truth. Get out a pen and some paper. Better yet, start a journal. Let's forever change the way you see Ruth and prayerfully, the way you see you.

Take Aways

1. Create a journal so that you can take note of what God is revealing to you.
2. Unburden yourself of the need to make up for past mistakes. The grace of God has already been paid by the blood that was shed on the cross. You have only to receive it.
3. Pray for those who have mistreated you and with a sincere heart, wish them the best.

Ruth Chose God



Ruth lost everything in the first chapter of Ruth. She lost her husband, her lifestyle, and her income before we get into chapter two. Her love for her late husband was so real that she stayed with her in-law and followed Naomi and Naomi's God.

When she had every logical reason to turn back, she still chose to follow God. This woman was unmarried and worst, she had no children. She was in a situation that would elicit the sympathy of many but she was willing to follow Naomi and her God until the bitter end (Ruth 1:16).

Nothing in the chapter indicates that she was looking for a man. She was following God. Nothing more and nothing less. Many of us would have and usually do turn back at the first sign of trouble. Like Orpah, many of us would look at the facts and

go back home with a clean heart. But take note: The book is called Ruth for a reason. Instead of going back to Moab and her Gods (re: idols) - She put on her big girl panties and followed God into the unknown. Again, nothing about looking for a man.

Ruth followed Wisdom



Ruth loved her mother-in-law. Many of us can't stand a man's mother but we're willing to go toe-toe with him and tell him we love him. How can you love the man and not love the woman who made him?

That little tidbit aside, Naomi was more than just her in-law. In the book of Ruth, Naomi represents wisdom. This generation is looking for wisdom in all the wrong

places. We go to our single friends to vent and get advice when the mother in the church is telling you the truth. You just refuse to hear it.

When that crazy aunt who can't seem to keep a man tells us to respect a man, we look at her crazy. But, just a thought: Naomi lost everything right along with Ruth. They were going through it together. Naomi didn't look good to anybody. As a matter of fact, when Ruth and Naomi made it to Bethlehem, the women who knew Naomi during the good times actually asked "Can this be Naomi?"

Many can argue that you shouldn't take advice from unmarried people, but few will argue with getting wisdom and understanding. It's up to you to discern the wisdom that God is placing in your environment.

How many of you have had to deal with re-emerging from the good life smelling like smoke and looking even worse? Your family viewing you as a stranger and a failure compared to the woman they once knew? The story is the same for so many because we are holding onto pride and refusing to admit that we need help being redeemed. God is moving aside confusion and distraction just so He can bring us

closer to our destiny.

Moreover, worst than the pride that has us puffed up against the wisdom of the Naomi's that God has placed in our lives is the idea that we know it all and have it all together. It's utterly ridiculous to pray for a breakthrough but refuse to take direction. How do you grow into the promise if you don't know how to take the first step? It's time to stop looking at the the shell and searching the heart of those around you.

Ruth played a vital role in redeeming her Mother-in-Law and herself, not because she knew it all - but because she took direction.

Take Aways

1. Develop a heart to follow wisdom no matter how much it hurts. God's direction isn't always pleasant, but it's always worth it.

2. Develop a prayer life that equips you to look through the shell to the heart of everyone in your environment.
3. Don't allow your pride to stand in the way of your breakthrough.

Ruth Submitted



Yes. Submission is key. In addition to taking instruction from Naomi, we see in Chapter three of Ruth that Ruth was willing to submit to a man on the off chance that she would be provided for and given rest. Ruth Chapter 3, verses one through six spell out the instructions that Naomi gave Ruth to follow.

A few things before you continue reading:

- Ruth was picking up leftover grain in the field before she knew of Boaz.
- Ruth was taking care of her in-law before she knew who Boaz was.
- Ruth already demonstrated a willingness to listen to instruction before Naomi opened the door for Ruth to be restored.

Now, Ruth was instructed to prepare herself, put on perfume, put on her best outfit, stay out of Boaz's sight, wait until he was full and happy, then get on the floor and lay at his feet. She was given an order to follow and an action to complete: submit. Ruth remained there at Boaz's feet without speaking until she was acknowledged. Ruth 3:8 notes that Boaz woke up and was startled by the woman lying at his feet (NIV).

Boaz goes on to ask Ruth who she is and her reply is the defining sentence of the entire book:

“I am your servant Ruth,” she said. “Spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a guardian-redeemer of our family.”

To make this plan: *I am here to serve, cover me because I know you have the*

authority to do so. She claimed his family as her own, asked for what she wanted, and waited to hear what he would say. This is the rock between where you are now and where God is taking you. This is the key to restoration. Drop your pride, get on your face before God, call out to Him, ask for what you want, and wait to see what He says.

Take Aways

1. Instead of looking for Boaz, take the time to get on the threshing floor before God. He is your redeemer.
2. With the blessing, there is responsibility. Submission is part of that responsibility.

God's Timing is Perfect



In all your praying and waiting, remember that God has already planned where He would have you to go. He already knows the who, where, and when of your promise. So believe that when you start going out of order, you're only delaying what God has for you.

We are living in a generation where there is so much work to do. There are so many people who need help and they need God. The question is not whether you are ready for Boaz; the question is whether or not you're ready to work. Are you ready to get in the fields and do what is the right thing to do in this moment?

Ruth explicitly went into the fields that Boaz owned to contribute to her household: not to find a man. In the start of Ruth 2, we see the reason that this young woman

decided to get in the fields at the beginning of the barley harvest.

You see, God makes no mistakes. The timing of God is perfect as evidenced in His word. Naomi and Ruth lost everything in the first chapter of the book.

EVERYTHING. They left Moab with no servants, no income, and none of the titles they had before. The two women just happened to find themselves in Bethlehem at the beginning of the harvest.

Consequently, when Ruth needed to find a way to provide for her mother-in-law - she didn't have to look very far. She asked Naomi to allow her to glean in the fields behind the reapers (Ruth 2:2). In other words, she wanted to know if it was a good idea to collect the leftover grain behind the reapers in the field of whoever would allow her to do so. She didn't care who allowed her to glean, she just knew that it needed to be done.

There are many of you that know that there is work to be done. God is giving you direction but you are so focused on what you lack, that you're not using the tools you have. God is making ways, arranging lives, and putting people in place to

make a way out of no way for you, but you're looking in the wrong direction.

You're looking to fill the gap. You're praying for Him to fill your needs. Stop looking for the creation and start looking for the Creator. Nothing you do is just for you. Stop coming to God with selfish prayers and start going to God asking Him what you can do for Him. It is in purpose driven service that God has provided. He knows that you have been waiting and praying for greater.

Just like Ruth, many are praying for a breakthrough. But unlike Ruth, many are not willing to get in the fields and get to work. You're not willing to make the hard decisions and trust in God's timing. Let us not be a generation that know's that there is a God, but won't put down our selfishness long enough to seek Him first and trust in His timing.

Take Aways

1. God's timing is perfect.

2. Go to God with a heart to serve and allow Him to make a way out of no way for you.

Forget Boaz, I Want My Adam



Truthfully, we're not looking for a Boaz, we're looking for a savior - which brings me to my next point....

The book of Ruth is about Jesus. We are in a generation of single women who are either breaking their necks to keep a boy who isn't a man or worst - throwing

around the phrase “I don’t need a man.” and wondering why they can’t keep one.

How many are being led to lead an indeterminate amount of time in a season of singleness so they can follow and gain the heart of Jesus (Like Ruth did)?

How many are ready to pick up after losing everything and still follow God with her whole heart (like Ruth did)? How many are willing to be obedient, put down their pride, and break a nail harvesting souls for Jesus?

Ruth followed God. Ruth took care of her elders with love. Ruth got in the fields and worked like a common woman when she was once a wife. Ruth submitted to a King. Ruth was the type of woman that many of us are still aspiring and in many cases unwilling to be but we’re so focused on finding Boaz.

In short, the book of Ruth is worth a good review and note taking session. But, is it the end of it? Is it a road map for how every woman should approach dating? Is Boaz the type of man that every single woman should hope for? Absolutely not!! What about the single mother who works full time, goes to school, and pays all of her bills? What about the C.E.O. who earns six figures, owns her home, and

commands a small army of employees? What about the retiree who is looking to spend a year abroad? Boaz doesn't quite fit the bill in either of those situations.

But Jesus. He is the solid Rock that every woman needs. Truthfully, you may not be in a season of uniting with a King, but there should never be a time when you feel like you don't need Jesus. You may be called to transition to an entirely different career, relationship, or city. Don't allow the idols of an old season to derail the promise God has for you.

Get on Purpose



The issue with holding this story as the standard for Christian singles is that every woman was not made to be Ruth. God made each woman on this Earth for a very unique purpose. There is something on this Earth that no one can accomplish but you. A Ruth-like spirit is needed for what God has for you and THIS is the purpose of the book: to show you what a purpose driven woman looks like.

You are a key player in His master plan and the man God has for you will line up with this plan like no other person on Earth. With this knowledge in hand- the question remains:

What standard should be used for determining how a woman should prepare for the man God has appointed to be her husband?

The answer to that question is simple. Every woman should be preparing for her Adam. Regardless of age, social status, or occupation, every woman was made for her Adam. I recently came to this conclusion while reading a wonderful book about how the soul of a woman brings her home.

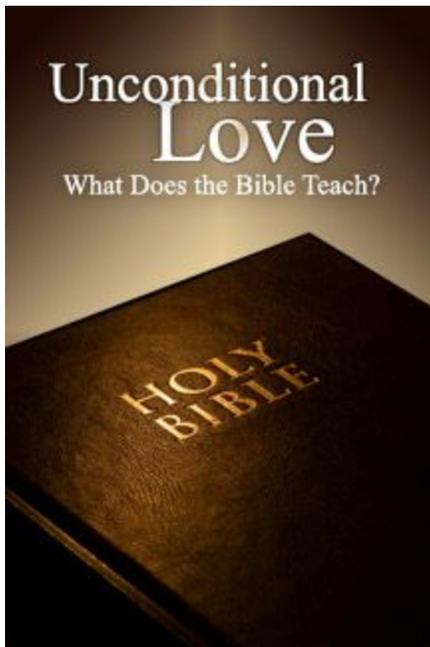
The book detailed the many facets of a woman's soul that truly define her identity. The one that struck me was her role. Too often we are stuck inside roles thrown at us by our circumstances instead of incorporating the circumstances into our purpose. That one thing that your soul has been screaming at you to create, to

accomplish, and to live in is your purpose. Now how does this relate to finding a husband?

In short, it doesn't. You don't find a husband. A husband finds you. Now Ruth was found by Boaz while working on his land. His purpose was taking care of his land and Ruth helped him in it. I think you see where this is going. Circling back to the aforementioned question in regards to preparing for a kingdom building relationship, there is not a magic formula but there is a standard.

The standard that should be used to prepare for a husband is in the book of Genesis. It is the first love story. It is the example of what God intended for marriage prior to humanity's fall from grace. It is in fact what every woman should expect right now. The standard is a partnership based on divine purpose. This is where faith comes in to play and this is where the true blessing of marriage comes to call. Purpose. What is it you are being called to do?

Prepare Prepare Prepare



Get in your word Woman of God. This is where your preparation takes place. This generation should be encouraged to focus less on finding a husband and more on walking in divine purpose. Maybe you're a hairdresser. Maybe you can cook a mean roast chicken. Maybe your writing is anointed and destined for bookshelves. Whatever it is you are being called to do needs to be perfected so that you may honor the man who God has for you.

Consider this. Jesus was sent as a sacrifice for sin. The blood he shed healed a broken land by giving grace for sin. It allowed you and I to have a direct route to God through Jesus. The death of Jesus on the cross provided life, mercy, grace, and eternal life for those who believe in him. The grace given can heal physically, mentally, spiritually, and financially. If we believe that, why do we not believe that God intended to heal the marriage covenant that was broken in Eden?



I believe that his Grace is without limit and without fail. I believe that marriage can be a true partnership based on mutual purpose in the advancement of the Kingdom of God. And I believe that we can raise up an awareness that women do not need a savior. We already have one. His name is Jesus. What women need is to become partners with, supporters of, and game changers with the man of God that is destined to be their Adam.