



Study #5: Faith to Risk and Wait

LG Questions for the Week of February 3, 2008

Getting Started

1. Like Ruth, faith may lead us to do things that others consider unusual. What's the strangest thing your faith has led you to do, and why did you do it?

Getting into the Bible

2. Read Ruth 3:1-6. Why and how did Ruth prepare herself for her midnight meeting with Boaz? What does this remind us about the steps we need to take in order to enjoy an intimate relationship with our "Boaz," Jesus Christ? If you don't know Isaiah 1:18, start memorizing it as a part of this week's study.
3. Read Ruth 3:7-13. Ruth took an aggressive step by visiting Boaz at his threshing floor. What evidence is there that this was a wise and fitting thing to do? (See Deuteronomy 25:5-10 for help.) How did his reaction support this conclusion?
4. Read Ruth 3:14-18. Waiting can be a difficult test of our faith. How was Ruth's patience as Boaz resolved the obstacles to their marriage a quiet but powerful statement of her faith in him as a man? How was his gift of barley a wise encouragement to Ruth and Naomi as they waited?

Getting Personal and Practical

5. In what ways is Jesus, our Heavenly Bridegroom, asking you to have faith and wait on Him in prayer? What gifts has He given you to guarantee your future and final redemption? (See Ephesians 1:3, and 13-14 for help.)