

Message Outline
Reaping Ruth:
Integrity at the Town Gate
Ruth 3-4



Intro: Middle of a series on Ruth...

Read: Ruth 3-4

3:1-4—Levirate marriage (cf. Deut.25:5-10)...

- Harvest celebrations and protections...

v.5-6—Ruth's relationship to her mother-in-law...

v.7—Significance of uncovering the feet...

v.8-9—Guardian-redeemer and a command to care for vulnerable (Dt.25, Ezek.16)...

v.10-13—I like Boaz! Blessing people in the Lord, a man of his word, generous, etc.

v.14—People draw own conclusions even if they are wrong conclusions...avoid appearance of evil (1Thess.5:22).

v.15-18—Boaz's care for Ruth and Naomi...

4:1—Town gate and local news...

v.2-5—The "contract"...

v.6-7—The refusal and Boaz's redemption...

v.8-12—The sandal, the speech, the solemnization...

Reflecting on Ruth: Observations on Integrity

- Bellevue Schools logo: intent, **integrity**, and purpose...
- Definition: "a firm adherence to a code..."
- Boaz lives in a day when integrity is up in the air (Judges), yet he remains grounded!

1) _____ 3:10ff.

- The Bible shows the way...

2) _____ 3:8ff.

- "Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching." -C.S. Lewis

3) _____ 3:12, 4:1ff.

- Boaz doesn't rush the results...

4) _____ 3:18, ch.4

- Boaz keeps his commitments...



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