5-3:6-18 (Redemption Request and Promise)

- I. Introduction.
 - A. How do people show they really like or are committed to someone?
 - B. For very important things, how important is timing? Examples?

II. Scripture.

- A. Ruth 3:6-7—"6And she went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother-in-law bade her. ⁷And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down."
- B. Ruth 3:8-13—"8And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lav at his feet. ⁹And he said, 'Who art thou?' And she answered, 'I am Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman.' 10And he said, 'Blessed be thou of the LORD, my daughter: for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich. 11And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman. 12And now it is true that I am thy near kinsman: howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I. 13Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, as the LORD liveth: lie down until the morning."
- C. Ruth 3:14-18—"14And she lay at his feet until the morning: and she rose up before one could know another. And he said, 'Let it not be known that a woman came into the floor.' 15Also he said, 'Bring the vail that thou hast upon thee, and hold it.' And when she held it, he measured six measures of barley, and laid it on her: and she went into the city. 16And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, 'Who art thou, my daughter?' And she told her all that the man had done to her. 17And she said, 'These six measures of barley gave he me; for he said to me, Go

not empty unto thy mother-in-law.' ¹⁸Then said she, 'Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day."

III. Application.

- A. Do you think God blessed Ruth's humble loyalty and obedience to Naomi and Boaz? Why, or why not?
- B. Men, what were some lessons you can apply from godly Boaz?
- C. What makes waiting on God, more restful and less stressful?
- D. Why is it good to share your desires and intentions to someone trustworthy?