

## Giving God a helping hand

<sup>1</sup>One day Ruth’s mother-in-law Naomi said to her, “My daughter, I must find a resting place for you, where you will be well provided for. <sup>2</sup>Now is not Boaz, with whose servant girls you have been working, a relative of ours? In fact, tonight he is winnowing barley on the threshing floor. <sup>3</sup>Therefore wash yourself, put on perfume, and wear your best clothes. Go down to the threshing floor, but do not let the man know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking. <sup>4</sup>When he lies down, note the place where he lies. Then go in and uncover his feet, and lie down, and he will explain to you what you should do.”

<sup>5</sup>“I will do everything you say,” Ruth answered. <sup>6</sup>So she went down to the threshing floor and did everything her mother-in-law had instructed her to do. Ruth 3:1-6

Romans 15:4, Everything written in the past...  
1 Corinthians 10:11, These happened as...

Naomi -  
Ruth -  
Boaz -

### My flesh nature has legitimate . . . . . 3:1-2

My soul needs . . . . .  
Matthew 11:28-30, Come to Me, all...

My soul needs . . . . .  
Philippians 4:19, My God will supply...

### My flesh nature uses external . . . . . 3:3-4

My soul looks at . . . . .  
1 Samuel 16:7, man sees... but the Lord sees...  
1 Peter 3:3-4, Your adornment...

My soul hides in . . . . .  
Luke 8:16-17, No one lights a lamp...

### My flesh nature imposes on my . . . . . 3:5-6

My soul needs Godly . . . . .  
Proverbs 12:26, The Godly give...  
Galatians 5:16-17, Walk by the Spirit...

My soul needs human . . . . .  
John 15:14, You are My friends, if...

## My prayer priorities for this week

- S 24 Those who have dropped out of church
- M 25 Phil & Louise
- T 26 Aileen & George
- W 27 Ray & Helen
- T 28 Geoff & Joy
- F 29 Steve & Jenni
- S 30 Oldies and shut-ins
- S 31 Moses & Sharon, Elizabeth, Ruth, Joseph

## Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. Why do you think that many people, even Christians, believe that they need to give God a push for Him to get things done?
2. Why do you think God often seems slow to get things done?
3. Suggest some reasons why Naomi would want to keep her plans secret from Boaz.
4. Can we keep our plans secret from Jesus; and if not, how can we communicate with Him about our plans?
5. Ruth did not question Naomi about her plan. Why didn’t she? By not questioning, was Ruth right or wrong?
6. When facing a complex future, what questions should we ask; who should we ask; and what do we do when we don’t like the answers?

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