

Communion Meditation

Ruth 3.14-18 (read all ch3)

Series: Ruth

“Love Demonstrated”

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Summary

- Messages of chapter 3 were:
 - Security Sought, Security Promised, and Security Explained
 - Levirate marriages protected family lines and rescued widows
 - Security was a very real benefit / But it wasn't everything

Languages of Love

- 1) Words – of love and affirmation – to “**build up**” not “**tear down**”
- 2) Time – spending quality time together / talking, doing
- 3) Touch – touching arms, hugging
- 4) Service – doing things for others
- 5) Gifts – giving thoughtfully

Demonstrating Love

- **Ruth** – words (1.16-17), time (1.16 “I will go”), touch (1.14 “clung to her”)
 - service (2.2 “let me go to the field”), gifts (2.14 “kept some back”)
- **Naomi** – service (3.1 “seek security”)
- **Boaz** – words (2.11 “reported to me”), time (2.14 “come here”), service (2.15 “let her glean even”), gifts (3.17 “not go empty-handed”)
- Ruth also demonstrated love towards Boaz – words, time, touch

Romantic Love Misunderstood (“Lust”)

- But some Christians are overreacting – denying reality of it / role of it
- But note that the language of love need not only be romantic
- When we affirm people with words, spend quality time with them,
 - serve them or give them gifts, even touch them in acceptable ways
 - We are showing love towards them

The book of Ruth is a love story – but not only about Boaz and Ruth

It is also about Ruth for Naomi – Boaz for Ruth, Naomi, and God

It is about God for His people / Rom 5.8 ~ “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”

1 Kings 8.41-43 ~ “Moreover, concerning a foreigner .. called by Your name”