

# AT HIS FEET

## RUTH 3 AND LUKE 10

Text: Ruth 3:14

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And 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.

Introduction:

Ruth has received the advice from Naomi regarding being redeemed by Boaz their kinsman. It's interesting the advice that Naomi is now giving in comparison to the advice that she was offering on their way from Moab. She had encouraged both Ruth and Orpah to return back to Moab.

Ruth 1:6-14

Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the Lord had visited his people in giving them bread. [7] Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her; and they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah. [8] And Naomi said unto her two daughters in law, Go, return each to

her mother's house: the Lord deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me. [9] The Lord grant you that ye may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept. [10] And they said unto her, Surely we will return with thee unto thy people. [11] And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters: why will ye go with me? are there yet any more sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? [12] Turn again, my daughters, go your way; for I am too old to have an husband. If I should say, I have hope, if I should have an husband also to night, and should also bear sons; [13] Would ye tarry for them till they were grown? would ye stay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for it grieveth me much for your sakes that the hand of the Lord is gone out against me. [14] And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her.

We now find Ruth doing that which Naomi advised, at the feet of Boaz.

It's interesting to note at the feet of Boaz:

The Possibilities - Of a New Home; New Hope; and a New Happiness

We also see A Promise (10-11).

We see another illustration of another individual at the feet of the Savior.

Note Luke 10:38-42

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Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. [39] And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. [40] But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. [41] And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: [42] But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

We find two ladies in this story as well who were sister, unlike Naomi and Ruth who were only related by marriage, mother in law and daughter in law. I want us to consider this morning the importance at sitting at the feet of the Redeemer.

## **1. THEIR DECISION**

Ruth 3:6

And she went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her.

Luke 10:38-39

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A. Good Decision

## **2. THEIR DEVOTION**

A. Right person (The Redeemer)

B. Right priorities

C. Right position (At his feet)

I want to look closer at these two ladies here in the New Testament.

1. Difference in Focus

a. Martha focused on serving

b. Mary focused on the Savior

2. Difference in Fellowship

a. Mary was as close to the Savior as she could get, "At His Feet."

b. Martha was allowing her task to draw her away from the Savior.

So often we allow things to consume us and draw our attention away from the Savior.

### 3. Difference in Feelings

a. Martha was “cumbered”

1. Worried

2. Anxious

3. Distracted

This was the result of not focusing on and fellowshiping the Savior.

Martha had in her home the One who could speak peace to the storms, the Prince of Peace, but she wasn't at peace.

Note the song writer's words in the first verse of “What a Friend we have in Jesus.

“O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Close:

Jesus said that one thing was needful, and that Mary hath chosen the good part.

How is it with you today? Are you trying to serve the Lord without spending time with the Lord?