

For the week of July 12, 2015  
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# Refuge Under His Wings

*Fourth week in the series 'Great is Thy Faithfulness.'*

**Ruth 3:1-18**

Chapters two and three are similar in that each centers on an intimate conversation between Ruth and Boaz – one in a public setting during the day, another in private at night. Despite Naomi's attempts to steer matters, it is clear that Ruth and Boaz speak from hearts that have been shaped by God, discovering a shared dependence on Him. After the night on the threshing floor they determine to take honorable action they hope will allow them to marry.

For more background reading consider the sermon at this web address:  
[http://www.pbc.org/system/message\\_files/7619/4584.pdf](http://www.pbc.org/system/message_files/7619/4584.pdf)

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. Boaz had heard of the Moabite widow and concluded that she 'sought refuge under the wings of the God of Israel'. Our reputations lead to both open and closed doors. What has been your experience in this regard?
2. It seems that Naomi expects romantic desire to be the engine that propels Ruth and Boaz toward marriage. In fact, their sense of what God has for them is at the center of their choices. What can we learn from this?
3. There was no sexual intimacy during the night they spent on the threshing floor and they left without any certainty that could make a life together (3:11-13). How do you think they felt as they parted in the early morning?