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Questions for Reflection or Discussion:

1. Her bitterness gone, Naomi became a mother-in-law on a mission, determined to provide for Ruth just as Ruth had faithfully provided for her. What Naomi asked Ruth to do was risky, to say the least—"go down to the threshing floor"—yet in **Ruth 3:5**, her daughter-in-law responded, "I will do whatever you say."

How would you explain Ruth's willingness to take such a leap of faith? In your own life, what's one of the scariest, holiest things you've ever done? How did you find the courage to do it? And what was the result of your obedience?

2. In **Ruth 3:9** we find Boaz's ambiguous question, "Who are you?" What do you think he was really asking her?

Then we read her extraordinary response: "I am your servant Ruth. Spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a guardian-redeemer of our family." An unusual marriage proposal, to be sure. Consider all the things Ruth revealed about herself, her situation, and her faith in those brave words. How might God be asking you, too, to be bold and trust Him in this season?

3. English commentator Matthew Henry wrote of Ruth, "The less she proclaimed her own goodness the more did her neighbours take notice of it." Are you ever tempted to proclaim your own goodness—online, in print, or in person? What have you found to be the best antidote for pride?

Proverbs 22:4 tells us, "Humility is the fear of the LORD; its wages are riches and honor and life." Ruth had all those blessings in store, but first she focused on remaining humble and in awe of the Lord. What is your understanding of humility? And how can we demonstrate a healthy fear of the Lord in our day-to-day lives?