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Thank you for returning to another day of Bible study and for choosing to be a woman of the Word. Your Father in heaven is pleased when you spend time **seeking** His heart through Bible study. Thank you for your sacrifice and dedication!

Please start your computer and gather your Bible study supplies. Now, spend a few minutes in prayer. Ask God to open your heart to the truth of His Word and to forgive you of any unrighteousness. Sign your initials on the line when you have finished praying: \_\_\_\_\_.

Today we are going to focus on certain words from Ruth Chapter Three.

1. Please read Ruth Chapter Three in your favorite version of the Bible and record any special verses or thoughts that come to you as you read this chapter.
2. Now, please read Ruth Chapter Three, out loud, in another version of the Bible. Notate anything remarkable, unusual or that you have questions about in your journal.
3. Go to Blue Letter Bible (BLB) and type Ruth 3 in the search bar. Use the *blue box L* to pull up the *Commentaries* link. Click on a commentary. Scroll down until you find the section of the text that addresses your questions from Step Two. Research your questions and record your findings in your journal.
4. Now, go back and read Ruth 3:1 and circle the word *seek* in Naomi's comment to Ruth. Write the word *seek* in your journal.
  - a. What is significant concerning Naomi's actions in Ruth 3:1?

Up to this point in scripture *Ruth* has acted and *Naomi* has received. In Ruth 3:1, however, *Naomi* decides to act on behalf of *Ruth*. Finally, *Naomi* concerns herself with the needs of *Ruth* and because of this ministry, *Naomi's* heart begins to heal. Ministry brings redemption.

5. Go back to Ruth 3:1. Now, please research the Hebrew meaning of *seek* by clicking on the *blue box C* and scrolling down to the *blue H number*. Click on the *blue H number* and study the definitions for *seek*. Record your findings in your journal.
  - a. What is *Naomi* seeking for *Ruth*?

- b. What are you seeking during this season of life?
- c. Next, please scroll down and read *Gesenius' Lexicon (Help)* entry for *seek* and notate in your journal what you learn. (Many blessing are waiting to be discovered in the lexicon!)

One of my resources states that *seek* means to search out by any method, specifically **worship** or **prayer**. *Seek* also means, "to seek someone's presence, especially the Lord's."

- d. Do the above definitions give any direction to you as you seek God's will for your life?

6. Please read Ruth 3:3 and write in your journal the first task Naomi gives Ruth.

- a. Next, go back to BLB and look up the Hebrew meaning of the word *wash*. Please jot down your research in your journal.

The word *wash* literally means to cleanse, to wash off, to bathe, but figuratively it refers to the cleansing or washing away of sin.

- b. In your journal, draw a connection between *washing* and *seeking* the will of God.

When we are seeking the will of God and expecting Him to act on our behalf, we must examine our lives and ask God to *wash* away any sin. We cannot follow God if we are weighed down by sin.

7. What is the second thing Naomi tells Ruth to do (verse 3)?

- a. Please look up *anoint* in the Hebrew, using the *blue box C* next to Ruth 3:1, and make your notes in your journal.
- b. Continue researching the concept of *anoint* by using the *Study Tools* link. (Click on *Study Tools/Encyclopedias and Dictionaries* then the *Dictionary Word Search* links and finally click on the blue *An-*, scroll down, and click on the many listings for *Anoint*.)

The importance of *anoint* is not just the definition but also the *usage* of this word in the book of Ruth. *Anointing* is a sign that someone is authorized or set a part for a particular work or service. Kings and priests were anointed to do their work.

- c. Write a summary for the word *anoint*.
- d. What do you think Ruth has been *anointed* to do?
- e. What has God anointed you to do?

- f. What do you need to do to be better equipped to carry out this work?
  - g. Like Ruth, how is God calling you to step out in faith to use your gift to a greater level?
8. Now please go back and read Ruth 3:3 again.
- a. What did Ruth put on after she washed and anointed herself?
9. Please look up Isaiah 61:10 on BLB or in your Bible. What is our most beautiful garment?

Sounds like someone is getting ready for a wedding!

10. In closing, please read Ruth Chapter Three one more time. If needed make additional notes in your journal.

Well done! God has blessed you for your diligence today!

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