



BOAZ REWARDED RUTH

BECAUSE OF HER \_\_\_\_\_ FOR NAOMI

RUTH PATIENTLY \_\_\_\_\_

NAOMI DEVELOPED THE \_\_\_\_\_  
TO MAKE A MOVE \_\_\_\_\_

THE OTHER REDEEMER

WANTED TO HELP \_\_\_\_\_

**BIG PICTURE**

WE CAN'T SEE THE \_\_\_\_\_

**U CAN'T GO WRONG**

1. COME TOGETHER TO \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

2. BECOME \_\_\_\_\_

3. HELP OTHERS WITHOUT AN \_\_\_\_\_

**BLANKS:** LOVE • OBEYED • CONFIDENCE • HIMSELF • OUTCOME  
LOVE & ENCOURAGE • EQUIPPED THROUGH DISCIPLINE • AGENDA

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**RUTH**

Watching an Andy Stanley teaching recently, he made a great point based on physics. We are standing on a planet that is spinning at over 1,000 miles an hour. The earth and sun hold perfectly in the "Goldilocks" position. Any closer and we would burn up. Any further away and we would freeze. (Not too hot, not too cold... just right). I love this kind of God-sized perspective and reality because it gives us permission to just focus on one day at a time. The universe is way too big and fast for any of us to have any universal effect - no matter who we are. We're not designed to do so.

Our window of life is so small. We see what is happening right in front of us. We remember our past and stretch and squint to see the future ahead but universally it represents such a small frame of time. Not even a frame, really - less than a drip or pinpoint.

In the long term we cannot control outcomes. Often even in the short term we can't control outcomes. Certainly within our own personal, relatively short life experience, there are many outcomes we can't control. And what happens here beyond our lifetime, we certainly have no control of at all. But God does. Through Him there are things we can do that have eternal significance and carry on even after we're gone. Amazing!

The story of Ruth is so down-to-earth practical and also very, very encouraging. It demonstrates a wonderful truth from God. When we rise up everyday committed to being loyal in our love for others, being disciplined in our work and to become equipped, and develop a heart to help others unconditionally, we place every outcome in God's hands.

We are blessed with confidence, clarity, peace, joy, love, purpose in our life and then, because of God, we can even be sure that our love, commitment and generosity will continue living on even after we have gone to heaven.