

## “COME CLOSER”

### RUTH 3:1-5

*You regularly encounter others who need information. That gives you opportunity to dialogue and provide helpful insight. Yet despite the beneficial answers, such matters are only temporal. As followers of the Most High, we can provide much better information about an eternal realm.*

### DIRECTING OTHERS TO GOD

#### ① S \_\_\_\_\_: Who? (3:1)

This time around, Naomi’s concern is vastly different due to the breakthrough of God.

#### ② S \_\_\_\_\_: Where? (3:2)

Perhaps Naomi is putting two and two together faster than Ruth. Naomi has done her homework and she shares the results with Ruth.

#### ③ S \_\_\_\_\_: How? (3:3a)

Washing oneself of the daily grime, especially in that agrarian culture where dirty roads was commonplace and walking in bare feet normal.

David, after the death of his son, approaches God. But first he undertakes the \_\_\_\_\_ same actions in the \_\_\_\_\_ same order that Naomi lays out for Ruth. Only then “he went into the house of the Lord and worshiped” (2 Samuel 12:20).

#### ④ S \_\_\_\_\_: When? (3:3b-4a)

\_\_\_\_\_ the table impacts what is \_\_\_\_\_ on the table. What you say and how you say it are important.

Approaching God is always in season. Accessing Him and moving toward Him is always \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 3:7; 4:16; 7:19,25; 10:22,23,25).

#### ⑤ S \_\_\_\_\_: What? (3:4b)

Ruth’s choosing to uncover the feet of Boaz was a desire on her part to come under his leadership. In essence, it was a \_\_\_\_\_ proposal.

### CONCLUSION

What a beautiful picture emerges in Ruth’s approach to Boaz. Examine your approach to God!

- ① Are you muting the \_\_\_\_\_?
- ② Is your \_\_\_\_\_ consistent or sporadic?
- ③ Do you \_\_\_\_\_ with anticipation or apathy?
- ④ Is it a \_\_\_\_\_ stop or a \_\_\_\_\_ linger?
- ⑤ Do you begin with \_\_\_\_\_ requests or His character?
- ⑥ Do you confess sin \_\_\_\_\_ or as a “blanket request”?
- ⑦ Is \_\_\_\_\_ a regular expression?
- ⑧ Do you sorrow over sin or \_\_\_\_\_ over sin?
- ⑨ Do you have a healthy \_\_\_\_\_ of God?
- ⑩ Are you seeking for His \_\_\_\_\_ to be done?