



-- Big Idea: Risking everything on Christ's righteousness is the only path to redemption.

The risk in redemption says...

1.) Be _____

-- Naomi's instructions are extremely risky.

-- v. 3 – Naomi instructs Ruth to make herself beautiful and then sneak up on Boaz in the dark of the night (v. 8).

-- v. 3 – The threshing floor was a common place for prostitution (Hosea 9:1, v. 14).

-- v. 4 – Naomi's instructions are loaded with sexually suggestive language.

-- Following Naomi's instructions put Ruth in an extremely vulnerable condition before Boaz.

-- Be vulnerable before Christ, holding nothing back.

-- True faith in Christ inspires _____ (Luke 7:36-50).

-- Ask: *How am I approaching our Redeemer? Do I keep Him at arm's length, or do I cast myself upon Him with the vulnerability of true faith? Where am I too proud or afraid to be vulnerable before Christ?*

The risk in redemption says...

2.) Rely on the Redeemer's _____

-- This scenario highlights the righteousness of Boaz.

-- In coming to Boaz in this risky way, all Ruth's hopes rested in her belief that her redeemer was a righteous man.

- In Naomi's plan, Ruth's redemption hinged on whether or not Boaz really was holy.
- Similarly, our redemption from sin and death is totally dependent upon the righteousness of Christ.

2.) Rely on the Redeemer's _____ (cont.)

-- **The redeemed in Christ stake _____ on His perfection.**

- In Boaz, we see an image of Christ's perfect holiness (Hebrews 4:15).
- Redemption from sin is impossible without the righteousness of Christ (Romans 3:10, Hebrews 12:14, 1 Peter 3:18).
- Only a sinless Christ could atone for our sin (Romans 3:21-24).
- _____ **yourself to the righteousness of Christ (Hebrews 4:13-16).**
 - We can come to Christ just as we are and have complete confidence in His righteousness.
 - When we fall upon His righteousness, He lifts us up in redemption.
 - Ask: *Upon whose righteousness am I really relying—on the Lord's or on my own? Do I rely on the righteousness of Christ as much as Ruth relied upon the righteousness of Boaz? Do I approach God's throne of grace with confidence in His goodness, or am I clinging to self-justification, resentment, or guilt?*