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RUTH 3:1-18

The time of Judges Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord. It was a difficult time and during that time Naomi followed her husband and took her two sons to Moab. They left Israel. A decade or more later, Naomi would lose her husband and her two sons. In her words, she returned to Bethlehem in Israel empty. But she was not alone, the Lord was with her, and her daughter-in-law Ruth was with her. There was a spark of hope during Naomi's mourning and poverty. Ruth had encountered a relative of Elimelech, named Boaz, who may be God's provision to care for both Ruth and Naomi. In desperate times, people are tempted to take matters into their own hands. However, we see Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz live in faithfulness to God, when their society did what was right in their own eyes. What do we discover about faithfulness in Ruth 3?

1. We must step out in faith according to God's _____ and a correct _____ of our _____.
2. We must do the _____, trusting the Lord, even when we perceive that there are _____ to our plan.
3. We must act in the _____ of others whether we will _____ or not.