

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### *TODAY - MOVING STORAGE*

Today, please stay after service and take a load over to our new property and unload into storage container. Please bring gloves, trucks, tie downs and dump trailers.  
Questions: [connect@ourelement.org](mailto:connect@ourelement.org)

### *Informational Meeting for Fostering Respite Care*

**Sunday October 29th @ 1pm**

Learn more about the foster system, and the needs for respite care for foster parents.  
Info meeting only, no obligations.  
Questions: [ordinarygc@ourelement.org](mailto:ordinarygc@ourelement.org)

### *Parent/Leader Breakfast of Middle & High Schoolers*

**October 21st, 10-11a**

Parents are invited to our Parent/Leader breakfast to meet your students' leaders and partner with them to help your kids' faith grow. Full Breakfast will be served!  
[efamily@ourelement.org](mailto:efamily@ourelement.org)

### *eMoms String Art Event*

Element Moms would like to invite all women to join their String Art craft event on October 21 at 2:00. Please RSVP TODAY.  
[emoms@ourelement.org](mailto:emoms@ourelement.org)

### *Join our Weekly Email* Stay up to date in your inbox!

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## Story Within The Story Week Eight: The Threshing Floor (Woman Tips) – Ruth 3



### *Today's Verses:*

Ruth 3:10  
Ruth 2:19

Ruth 3:1-18  
Ruth 2:20

## Story Within The Story Week Eight: The Threshing Floor (Woman Tips) – Ruth 3

Ruth is a book of providence and redemption. It is meant to show that God can redeem all things, including our relationships. The redemption of relationships takes to two people who are willing to trust Jesus for their future; that He can redeem the past and lead us to where He wants us to go. We are calling Ruth “The Story Within the Story” because our lives only make sense in God’s overarching narrative of our lives.

Last week we looked at practical tips for men from the text in how Boaz treats Ruth, today we will look at the very practical ways that Ruth navigates and honors a burgeoning relationship with Boaz, and Jesus.

The things that stand out about Ruth are indicated in the text as follow:

- Ruth is a person of character (Ruth 2:11).
- Ruth is respectful, but honest (2:10).
- Ruth acknowledges and thanks Boaz (2:13).
- Ruth works hard and well.
- Ruth made an effort to be attractive to Boaz (3:3).
- Ruth places herself in front of Boaz (3:3).
- Ruth gave Boaz some space (3:3).
- Ruth let’s Boaz know her expectations (3:9).
- Ruth asks to be taken care of (3:9).
- Ruth is a “worthy woman” (3:11).
- Ruth trusts Boaz (3:13).

Naomi, because of what had happened to her in her life, became very bitter. Now hope is being restored because Boaz is living like a Christian. He treats Ruth and Naomi with respect and dignity and

Naomi’s mind and heart are changed about how she thinks God acts. She then prays God’s blessing on Boaz because he reflects God’s image. We should love one another like God loves us.

### Discussion

**Do you think you are a good steward of your body?**

**If you are married do you try to remain attractive to your spouse?**

### Explanation – Read Ruth 3:1-3

**What things do you think your spouse (or if you aren’t married the opposite sex) find attractive?**

**How can respect and honesty be attractive?**

**Why is it important to let others in any relationship know your expectations?**

### Application - Read Ruth 3:10-11

**What do you think it means to be a “worthy man” or a “worthy woman?”**

**What makes someone worthy?**

**Why is trust so important to a relationship?**

### Mission - Read Ephesians 5:1

**How can living like Jesus change peoples minds about who He is?**

**How can our relationships better reflect God’s relationship with us?**

### Homework: Read Ruth 4:1-12

**How can men and women hold each other in higher esteem?**

**How can we redeem others?**

