

**“The Risk of Relationships” (Ruth 3:1-18)**  
**Ruth Series #5: Rebuilding Our Damaged World**

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**1. Relationships involve the risk of letting go of the past. (1-6)**

- What did a bath, perfume, and new clothes symbolize?
  - A romantic approach or an end-of-grief approach?  
(See 2 Samuel 12:16-23)
  
- The point: Stop grieving and start a new life.

*Personally: What from my past do I need to let go of  
in order to start a new life?*

**2. Relationships involve the risk of expressing our own needs. (7-9)**

- What did “Spread the corner of your garment” symbolize?
  - “Corner” = “wing” (Boaz’s own word in 2:12)  
 (“I ask you to be the answer to your own prayer.”)
  - “Spread the corner over me” = “Please marry me.”  
 This is a risk of vulnerability and possible rejection.

*Personally: Do I expect others to read my mind,  
or do I willingly share my own needs and expectations?*

**3. Relationships involve the risk of doing the right thing,  
even when no one is watching (10-18)**

- Boaz chose to act with integrity, even though no one was watching.
  
- Boaz = a type (prophecy) of Christ.
  - This is how Jesus will treat his followers!

*Personally: Am I willing to ask Jesus to be my redeemer?*