Pastor Mark Schmechel Ruth-Redeeming Love July 30, 2023 Ruth 3:1-9

DISCOVERING GOD'S WILL

QUESTION: What area of your life would you like to discover God's will?

4 Questions to help determine God's will

1). Have I asked a trusted and godly person for counsel?

Ruth 3:1 (ESV) Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, should I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you?² Is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you were? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor.

Proverbs 15:22 (NIV) Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.

2). Is it biblical?

³ Wash therefore and anoint yourself, and put on your cloak and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴ But when he lies down, observe the place where he lies. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do." ⁵ And she replied, "All that you say I will do."

3). What faith step can I take to see how God is working?

⁶ So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had commanded her. ⁷ And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came softly and uncovered his feet and lay down. ⁸ At midnight the man was startled and turned over, and behold, a woman lay at his feet!

⁹ He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer."

4. What obstacles do I need to overcome?

¹⁰ And he said, "May you be blessed by the LORD, my daughter. You have made this last kindness greater than the first in that you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. ¹¹ And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you ask, for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman. ¹² And now it is true that I am a redeemer. Yet there is a redeemer nearer than I. ¹³ Remain tonight, and in the morning, if he will redeem you, good; let him do it. But if he is not willing to redeem you, then, as the LORD lives, I will redeem you. Lie down until the morning."