

THE BENEFITS OF WAITING

Ruth 3:11 (ESV) *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.”*

Ruth 3:14 (ESV) *So she lay at his feet until the morning, but arose before one could recognize another. And he said, “Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor.”*

¹⁵ *And he said, “Bring the garment you are wearing and hold it out.” So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley and put it on her. Then she went into the city. ¹⁶ And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, “How did you fare, my daughter?” Then she told her all that the man had done for her, ¹⁷ saying, “These six measures of barley he gave to me, for he said to me, ‘You must not go back empty-handed to your mother-in-law.’ ”*

¹⁸ *She replied, “Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest but will settle the matter today.”*

WHAT DOES WAITING DO?

1). Waiting teaches us to trust God more.

Psalm 27:14 (ESV) *Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!*

2). Waiting teaches us to crucify our idols.

Psalm 8:3 (ESV) *When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?*

¹⁸ *She replied, "Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest but will settle the matter today."*