

**“The Results of God’s *Chesed*”**

**Ruth 3:1-18**

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God’s **חֶסֶד** (*chesed*) is the deliberate and loving loyalty that He bestows upon us.

**I. God’s *Chesed* to Us Should Result in Our *Chesed* to Others (3:1-13)**

- A. Naomi showed *chesed* for Ruth – vs. 1-5.
- B. Ruth showed *chesed* for Naomi – vs. 6-10.
- C. Boaz showed *chesed* for both Ruth and Naomi – vs. 11-13.
- D. Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz are examples for us today.

**II. God’s *Chesed* to Us Should Result in Our *Chesed* to God (3:14)**

- A. Ruth and Boaz remained sexually pure out of their devotion to God.
- B. This was remarkable given the insane permissiveness of their time – the days of the Judges! (Ruth 1:1).
- C. We too are called to demonstrate loving loyalty to our God in all walks of our life, sexually and otherwise.

**III. The Spiritual Fuel for Our Demonstrations of *Chesed* (3:15-18)**

- A. Naomi was filled yet again, revealing she was never really empty.
- B. God’s *chesed* had never left her. It’s never left us.
- C. As Boaz’ *chesed* would not depart from Ruth (v. 18), so our Lord’s far greater *chesed* will never depart from us in the future:

**John 14:2-3** - <sup>2</sup> “In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> “If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.

**Matthew 16:25** - For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.