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Bible Study

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“Actions Speak Louder Than Words”

Ruth 2:5-12

Matthew 7:20 reads, “Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so can you identify people by their actions.” (NLT) This verse records that what one does carries more weight than what they say. Housed in the Bible are many portraits of how men and women interacted with a particular individual before they married them. Modern day believers can learn many priceless lessons by modeling their dating relationships after people in the Word of God. This lesson is designed to share encounters between Ruth and Boaz to point out how singles greatly benefit who they are dating.

Breakdown of Ruth Chapters 2-4

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1. The person you are dating can benefit greatly from your Protection .
Ruth 2:8, 9
“Boaz went over and said to Ruth, “Listen, my daughter. Stay right here with us when you gather grain; don’t go to any other fields. Stay right behind the young women working in my field. 9) See which part of the field they are harvesting, and then follow them. I have warned the young men not to treat you roughly. And when you are thirsty, help yourself to the water they have drawn from the well.”
(NLT)

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2. The person you are dating can benefit greatly from your **Pronouncements** .
Ruth 2:11, 12
“Yes, I know,” Boaz replied. “But I also know about everything you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband. I have heard how you left your father and mother and your own land to live here among complete strangers. 12) May the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully for what you have done.”
 (NLT)
3. The person you are dating can benefit greatly from your **Provisions** .
Ruth 2:14-16
“At mealtime Boaz called to her, “Come over here, and help yourself to some food. You can dip your bread in the sour wine.” So she sat with his harvesters, and Boaz gave her some roasted grain to eat. She ate all she wanted and still had some left over. 15) When Ruth went back to work again, Boaz ordered his young men, “Let her gather grain right among the sheaves without stopping her. 16) And pull out some heads of barley from the bundles and drop them on purpose for her. Let her pick them up, and don’t give her a hard time!”
 (NLT)
4. The person you are dating can benefit greatly from your **Praise** .
Ruth 3:10, 11
“The LORD bless you, my daughter!” Boaz exclaimed. “You are showing even more family loyalty now than you did before, for you have not gone after a younger man, whether rich or poor. 11) Now don’t worry about a thing, my daughter. I will do what is necessary, for everyone in town knows you are a virtuous woman.”
 (NLT)
5. The person you are dating can benefit greatly from your **Promises** .
Ruth 3:12, 13
“But while it’s true that I am one of your family redeemers, there is another man who is more closely related to you than I am. 13) Stay here tonight, and in the morning I will talk to him. If he is willing to redeem you, very well. Let him marry you. But if he is not willing, then as surely as the LORD lives, I will redeem you myself! Now lie down here until morning.”
 (NLT)

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