

## Finding Hope In A Disappointing World

Lesson Nine • Ruth 3:12-18

### When Complications Happen

#### Ruth's Complication

*"Now it is true that I am your near kinsman; however, there is a kinsman nearer than I."  
Ruth 3:12 NKJV*

#### Naomi's Solution

*"Sit still my daughter, until you know how the matter will turn out." Ruth 3:18 NKJV  
"Wait, my daughter, until you find out what happens." Ruth 3:18 NIV*

#### When Complications Happen in Life...

Be PATIENT and wait on the Lord to work!

*Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the Lord!  
Psalm 27:14 NKJV*

#### We Can Wait Patiently On the Lord to Work...

### 1. Because of God's CONCERN for Us! *Ruth 3:13-15*

*And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good for those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. Romans 8:28-29 ESV*

### 2. Because of God's COMMITMENT to Us! *Ruth 3:16-17*

*What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?  
Romans 8:31 ESV*

### 3. Because of God's CHARACTER! *Ruth 3:18*

*Be still, and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10 NKJV  
Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail.  
They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23 NIV*

#### Complications Happen in Life!

So view them as an opportunity to TRUST in the Lord!

*God's work in our lives is often like a traffic signal at busy intersections:*

- **Sometimes God gives us the "GO" sign.** He opens a clear path before us with clear directions to proceed. When we see God's "Go," we go ahead too.
- **Other times God flashes us the "WAIT" sign.** He leaves us no open door, clears no path, and provides no direction. To ignore God's "Wait" sign means we might be run over by the results of our disobedience.

What complication are you facing in life? Are you trying to "fix" this complication on your own? Instead, surrender it to the Lord in prayer and ask Him for the grace to wait patiently on Him until He gives you the "Go" sign. Then proceed according to God's Word and what honors Him.