

Ruth 3:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when she came to her mother in law, she said, Who art thou, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her.

Analysis

Return home: **'And when she came to her mother in law, she said, Who art thou, my daughter?'** Naomi's question likely means 'How did it go?' or 'What happened?'—asking about the outcome and perhaps Ruth's new status. Ancient idiom used 'who are you?' to inquire about changed circumstances or status. **'And she told her all that the man had done to her'**. Ruth reported fully on Boaz's promises and provision, demonstrating proper accountability to Naomi and sharing the good news of hope for redemption.

Historical Context

Naomi's eager question showed her anxious waiting and hope. Ruth's detailed report demonstrated continued trust in and accountability to her mother-in-law—she didn't hoard information but shared fully. The phrase 'all that the man had done' emphasized Boaz's actions and character, not Ruth's requests—focusing on his gracious response rather than her initiative. Ancient family dynamics involved older women guiding younger in marriage negotiations, making Ruth's full disclosure appropriate and expected.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does Ruth's full disclosure to Naomi model proper accountability in important relationship decisions?
2. What does this teach about sharing both good news and uncertainties with spiritual family?

Interlinear Text

וַתָּבֹא	אֶל	חֲמוּתָהּ	וַתֹּאמֶר	מִי	אֵת	
And when she came	H413	to her mother in law	she said	H4310	H859	
H935		H2545	H559			
בֵּתִי	וַתֹּדֹגֵד	לָהּ	אֵת	כָּל	אֲשֶׁר	עָשָׂה
Who art thou my daughter	And she told	H0	H853	H3605	H834	had done
H1323	H5046					H6213
לָהּ	הָאִישׁ:					
H0	her all that the man					
	H376					