

Ruth 3:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day.

Analysis

Counsel to wait: '**Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day**'. Naomi counsels patient waiting while Boaz acts. Her confidence that he 'will not be in rest, until he have finished' shows she understood Boaz's character—his commitment meant immediate action to resolve the legal matters. Her counsel to 'sit still' meant don't interfere or worry, but trust the process. This demonstrates faith principle: after stepping out in obedience, often believers must wait while God works through human processes to accomplish His purposes.

Historical Context

Ancient legal processes required public witnesses and proper procedures before city elders. Naomi knew Boaz would go immediately to the city gate (where legal business occurred) to settle redemption rights. Her confidence in his character—that he wouldn't rest until completing the matter—showed she recognized his integrity and determination. Her counsel to Ruth to wait patiently demonstrated wisdom about balancing bold faith action with patient trust in God's timing once proper steps are taken. The phrase 'this day' showed urgency—Boaz would resolve matters immediately, not delay.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does Naomi's counsel to 'sit still' teach the balance between faith-based action and patient waiting?
2. What does Boaz's determination to finish quickly teach about resolving important matters with urgency rather than procrastination?

Interlinear Text

וְיֹאמֶרְתָּ	אָשָׁר	בַּתִּים	שָׁבֵת	וְתַעֲדֵ	תִּדְעֵן	אֵין
Then said	she Sit still	my daughter	H5704	H834	until thou know	H349
H559	H3427	H1323			H3045	
וְיַעֲשֵׂה	לֹא	כִּי	פָּקַדְתָּ	וְשָׁלַטְתָּ	וְשָׁאַלְתָּ	אָמֵן
will fall	how the matter	H3588	H3808	will not be in rest	for the man	H3588
H5307	H1697			H8252	H376	H518
כִּי	פָּקַדְתָּ	וְיִהְיֶה				
he have finished	how the matter	H3117				
H3615	H1697					

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