

Ruth 3:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Ruth's obedience: '**And she said unto her, All that thou sayest unto me I will do**'. Ruth's complete submission to Naomi's plan demonstrates trust in her mother-in-law's wisdom and God's providence working through godly counsel. She doesn't question, modify, or hesitate but commits to full obedience despite the plan's unusual nature and potential for misunderstanding. This models biblical submission to wise counsel and willingness to step out in faith-based action when God's purposes require bold initiative.

Historical Context

Ancient family structures emphasized filial obedience and respect for elders' wisdom. Ruth's obedience wasn't blind but trust-based—she knew Naomi's character, recognized God's providence in bringing her to Boaz's field, and trusted that Naomi's plan aligned with God's purposes. Her previous covenant loyalty (Ruth 1:16-17) now expressed itself in obedient action. Biblical obedience often requires acting on faith when outcomes are uncertain but counsel comes from godly sources aligned with Scripture's principles.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does Ruth's obedience without argument model trust in godly counsel?
2. What does this teach about when believers should step out in faith-based action versus when to wait for more clarity?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Colossians 3:20 (Parallel theme): Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.
