

5 Ways to Draw Closer to Jesus!

Ruth 3

One day Naomi said to Ruth, "My daughter, it's time that I found a permanent home for you, so that you will be provided for. ² Boaz is a close relative of ours, and he's been very kind by letting you gather grain with his young women. Tonight he will be winnowing barley at the threshing floor. ³ Now do as I tell you—take a bath and put on perfume and dress in your nicest clothes. Then go to the threshing floor, but don't let Boaz see you until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴ Be sure to notice where he lies down; then go and uncover his feet and lie down there. He will tell you what to do."⁵ "I will do everything you say," Ruth replied. Ruth 3:1-5

Christianity is not a code, cause, creed, conduct, CHURCH! It is _____!
The Mark of a Christian is a loving, ongoing, growing relationship with Christ! Phil. 3:10

1. Be Freshly _____—³ Now do as I tell you—take a bath

⁸ Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. James 4:8

¹⁰ Jesus replied, "A person who has bathed all over does not need to wash, except for the feet, to be entirely clean. John 13:10

Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God. 2 Corinthians 7:1

What hinders our relationship/prayers → Dirty hands Defiled Hearts Double minds

>**We are cleansed by the Word of God** (Ephesians 5, Ps. 119:9, James 1)

>**We are cleansed by Prayer** (I John 1:9) Confession is agreeing with God

2. Be Fragrantly _____— put on perfume

Brides were anointed

Priests were anointed

²⁷ But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him. 1 John 2:27

3. Be Fitly _____— dress in your nicest clothes

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, ² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, ³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning and **a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.** Isaiah 61:1-3

How do you get those garments? Keep reading in Isaiah 61.....vs.10

I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God For He has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of His righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. Isaiah 61:10

4. **Be Fully** _____ — *Then go to the threshing floor, but don't let Boaz see you until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴ Be sure to notice where he lies down; then go and uncover his feet and lie down there.* Ruth 3:3-4

This was not seedy, etc. this was Ruth fully committing herself by placing herself at the feet of her kinsman redeemer!

Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what He said..... Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:39,42

5. **Be Faithfully** _____ — *He will tell you what to do."*⁵ "I will do everything you say," Ruth replied.

Be doers of the Word James 1

²¹ *Those who accept My commandments and obey them are the ones who love Me. And because they love Me, My Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal Myself to each of them.* John 14:21

Bible study: we learn about God but through Surrender we get to **KNOW** Him!

Boaz's Response to Ruth

He Received her (8,9)

He Reassured her (11-13)

He Replenished her (14-16)

¹⁸ *Then Naomi said to her, "Just be patient, my daughter, until we hear what happens. The man won't rest until he has settled things today."* Ruth 3:18

ANSWERS:

Christ, Cleansed, Consecrated, Clothed,
Committed Compliant

Bear Ministry

Will be meeting on **Saturday, February 25th** from 1-4pm. If you have not helped us yet, please come see what we're all about and join in the fun. There are jobs for everyone; machine and/or hand sewing, stuffing and putting on ribbons or faces.

Financial Update

Total Weekly Budget
\$ 12,857.00

Weekly Offering
Received
February 12, 2017

\$ 8,624.98

Coming Soon To DLBC....

**church
picnic**
plan to attend!

March 26th