

# faith steps

... for God's Provision

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Entrusting yourself to God for His provision includes an active partnership on your part

1. Begin by actively entrusting yourself to God (*Ruth 1*)

2. Pursue God-honoring opportunities (*Ruth 2*)

*Ruth 2:1-3*

*Leviticus 23:22*

*Ruth 2:4-9, 11-12*

*Ruth 2:19-20*

"Kinsman redeemer" is a legal term for one who has the obligation to redeem a relative in serious difficulty (see Leviticus 25:25-55).

3. Be willing to be vulnerable (*Ruth 3*)

*Ruth 3:1-4*

4. Don't try to steer the process God is using (*Ruth 4*)

*Ruth 4:9-10*

This "kinsman redeemer" concept is a foreshadowing of what Jesus did for us

- Ruth recognized her need very early in the narrative – she was a widow, a foreigner from an enemy nation and destitute
  - that's how we begin w/God – a recognition, admitting, that we are in a place of spiritual poverty in need of rescue and saving
  - Ruth appeals to Boaz for rescue – her actions communicate both a recognition of her need as well as the ability that Boaz has to intervene and save her
    - we appeal to Jesus for His forgiveness and rescue by believing that He is the only Savior available
    - Ruth entrusted herself to Boaz's care and followed his lead as she was included into his family
      - we choose to follow Jesus' example and ways as we've been included into His family

**Next Step:**

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