

A TALE OF THREE WOMEN
who did whatever it took.
Matthew 1: 3,5

*God is pleased with those who are willing to do **whatever it takes** to participate with Him in His work in this world.*

Part III. RUTH
May 3, 2020

I. Key Words or Themes: from Ruth's story:

Names of God:

Yahweh 17X **Elohim** 3X 1:16, 2:12 **Shaddai** 2X 1:20-21
(Baal, Ashtoreth, Chemosh, Molech I Kings 11)
Bethlehem House of Bread (Barley: 1:22 Wheat: 2:21-23)

Redemption: Redeem, Kinsman Redeemer, Redeemer 20X

Kindness: *Chesed* 1:8, 2:20, 3:10 Selfless Love

Valiant/ Valor: 2:1; 3:11; 4:11 Mighty, Wealthy, Virtuous, Dignity
(Standing with distinction above and apart from the crowd)

Wings: Authority and protection 2:12, 3:9 (Matthew 23:37)

II. The Story: Ruth 1 – 4

II. Application:

Culture is essentially self-centered. Family, Nation, Religion.

What would you be willing to do within your culture in order to . . .

A. God looks for VALIANT women and men who are willing to

1. Stand ABOVE their culture (Boaz)
2. Stand APART from their culture (Ruth)
3. Stay UNDER God's protection and authority
in spite of their culture. (Ruth and Boaz)
4. Bring others under God's WINGS. (Redemption)

B. How can you become a VALIANT woman or man?

1. Ask God to open your eyes to what he is doing.
2. Do whatever it takes to join Him there.

With your **Body**, your **Family**, and your **Culture**.

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Part I. TAMAR
April 19

Would you be willing to do whatever it takes
with your **BODY**
in order to be a part of God's work in this world?

Part II. RAHAB
April 26

Would you be willing to do whatever it takes
FOR your **FAMILY**
to be a part of God's work in the world.

Part III. RUTH
May 3

Would you be willing to do whatever it takes
within your **CULTURE**
in order to be a part of God's work in the world.