

# **The Mate, the Date, and the Wait**

Ruth 3

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There is a time for God's people to wait passively for God to remove obstacles, and there comes a time for God's people to engage those obstacles. Both are done in faith that God works all things together for good for those who love Him, and that God is concerned about the details of our lives. All three characters in this chapter took risks that rendered them vulnerable; all three trusted God; all three were motivated by love.

**1. Naomi Plots: The Mate** (vv. 1-5):

**2. Ruth Proposes: The Date** (vv. 6-10):

**3. Boaz Promises: The Wait** (vv. 11-18):