

CHOICES

WHY EVERY DECISION YOU MAKE MATTERS

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Thinking Clearly: "Mastering Your World" Part 3

The Story of Ruth

Deuteronomy 7:3 - "Do not intermarry with them. Do not give your daughters to their sons, or take their daughters for your sons."

"The #8 means....THE NEW CREATION:

The number eight appears 73 times in the Bible. In biblical numerology, the number eight, therefore, means the new beginning, also referred to as "the new creation, the true event." That is the rebirth after the resurrection, from death to eternal life."

#1 - "I WILL" MOVE TO WHERE I BELIEVE THE VICTORY IS." (Ruth 1:16,17)

Ruth 1:16-17 - "But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me."

#2 - "I WILL" WORK HARD WITH EVERYTHING THAT IS IN ME!" (RUTH 2:1,2)

Ruth 2:1-2 - "Now Naomi had a relative on her husbands side, a man of standing from the clan of Elimelek, whose name was Boaz. And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi "Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favor."

#3 - "I WILL," GET AS CLOSE AS I CAN TO THE LEADERSHIP. (RUTH 2:5,6,7)

Ruth 2:5-7 - "Boaz asked the overseer of his harvesters, "Who does that young women belong to?"

The overseer replied, "She is the Moabite who came back from Moab with Naomi." She said, "Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the harvesters." She came into the field and has remained here from morning till now, except for a short rest in the shelter.

RUTH'S 4TH "I WILL" WAS...."I WILL' HONOR" (RUTH 2:8,9,10)

Ruth 2:8-10 - "So Boaz said to Ruth, "My daughter, listen to me. Don't go and glean in another field and don't go away from here. Stay here with the women who work for me. Watch the field where the men are harvesting, and follow along after the women. I have told the men not to lay a hand on you. And whenever you are thirsty, go and get a drink from the water jars the men have filled."

At this she bowed down with her face to the ground. She asked him, "Why have I found such favor in your eyes that you noticed me, a foreigner?"

In Mark 4:25 Jesus said, "Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they do not have will be taken from them."

#5- "I WILL" POUR IT ON! I WILL NOT STOP HONORING!" (RUTH 2:13)

Ruth 2:13 - "May I continue to find favor in your eyes, my Lord," she said. "You have put me at ease by speaking kindly to your servant—though I do not have the standing of one of your servants.

#6 - "I WILL' STAY FAITHFUL, FOR HOWEVER LONG IT TAKES." (RUTH 2:23)

Ruth 2:23 - "So Ruth stayed close to the women of Boaz to glean until the barley and wheat harvests were finished. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

#7- "I WILL' OBEY." (RUTH 3:1-5)

Ruth 3:1-5 - "One day Ruth's mother-in-law Naomi said to her, "My daughter, I must find a home, for you, where you will be well provided for. Now Boaz,, with whose women you have worked, is a relative of ours. Tonight he will be winnowing barley on the threshing floor. Wash, put on perfume, and get dressed in your best clothes. Then go down to the threshing floor, but don't let him know you are there until he is finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, note the place where he is lying. Then go and uncover his feet and lay down. He will tell you what to do." "I will do whatever you say," Ruth answered.

#8- "I WILL' SECURE MY LEGACY!" (RUTH 3:9)

Ruth 3:9 - "Who are you? He asked. "I am your servant Ruth," she said. "Spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a guardian-redeemer of our family."