

Plans and Providence

Our plans are provisional and sometimes bad.

His providence is certain and always good.

Sermon Questions

1. What's the purpose of Naomi's plan? (circle the best answer)
 - i. A descendant for the house of Elimelech.
 - ii. A husband for Ruth.
 - iii. A permanent source of food.
2. Everyone would believe that Ruth and Boaz would be a good match for each other. (Yes/No)
3. Naomi wanted Ruth to wash and anoint herself to show she was ready for marriage. (Yes/No)
4. Ruth trusts Naomi but not necessarily Naomi's plan. (Yes/No)
5. Be careful! Foolish _____ that "worked" don't justify foolishness!
6. If Naomi's plan is successful, it is due to _____, not Naomi's careful crafting.
7. When Ruth says, "spread your wings" she wants Boaz to _____ her.
8. Boaz is blessed to marry Ruth because of her _____ (see v. 11).
9. Boaz trusts God and seeks to follow His law even though his wish may not come true. (Yes/No)
10. Since God is ultimately in control, we make our plans in _____.
11. This chapter reminds us to _____ God as we make plans, knowing that he is in control, and will care for those who seek refuge under his wings.

Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. Think of a time when you had to submit to someone else when you did not completely agree. How were you able to do that? If you have difficulty here, how does this text help us?
2. How do you react when things don't go according to plan? Is your desire for control unreasonable and causing you grief? How does God's ultimate control free us from anger or resentment?
3. What are some things a person should do while looking for a suitable spouse? What basis do you have for your answers?
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? _____

What did you learn about God today? _____

What words did you not know today? _____

Write or draw something you heard in the sermon.

