



-- In response to our trials and tough decisions, guidance from God begins by just doing something for His glory.

1.) Just _____ something! (v. 1)

- In her darkest trial, Ruth does not sit around waiting for a sign.
- She gets up and gets busy doing what is needed.

2.) Act with _____ (v. 2).

- **Ruth seeks _____.**
 - Ruth defers to Naomi who is her elder and surely knows more about this country to which Ruth is a foreigner.
- **Ruth _____ to do what is needed.**
 - She seizes the opportunity to gather leftover grain (Leviticus 19:9-10).
 - In this practice decreed by God, we see the blessing of living in a Bible based culture.
 - In this practice, we see the wisdom of Bible-based benevolence.
 - Gleaning in the fields was a lot of work for a little reward.
- **Ruth sets out humbly to find _____.**
 - Ruth, knowing that she is not in a position to demand anything, humbles herself.
 - Ruth's attitude and actions here teach us that everything we have and receive is an undeserved mercy from God.
 - Such an attitude is the cornerstone of common sense.

-- Ruth understands that she cannot receive favor from anyone unless she places herself in front of those who can grant favor.

3.) Act with _____ (v. 3).

-- Completely unaware, Ruth just happens upon the field of Boaz.

-- There was no mystical revelation or supernatural sign. Ruth walks into God's will for her because she was walking in faithfulness.

-- **God's guidance is not nearly as _____ as we often imagine.**

-- In Ruth's free choice regarding which field to glean, God's sovereign will was being accomplished in her life.

-- While God certainly has a specific plan for our lives, he doesn't expect us to figure it out before we make a decision (2 Peter 1:3).

-- Notice: *Everything* we need to please God is based on our knowledge of *Him*, not our knowledge of our futures.

-- **God's _____ comes to us as we live each day for His glory.**

-- Of all the spiritual gift assessments and personality profiles available, by far the best guide is this: The Just Do Something Test!

-- Matthew 6:33 – *“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”*

-- We shouldn't expect to understand God's specific plan for us if we aren't seeking His universal plan revealed in Scripture.

-- If you seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness, then you will be in the middle of His will. So stop worrying and just do something!

Conclusion

-- **God's guidance always points us to _____.**

-- The book of Ruth always has but one ultimate destination: The coming of Jesus Christ.

-- In the same way, being guided by God means being guided to Christ.

-- **It is far too easy to be far too _____ about faith.**

-- By far, the most important and foundational aspects of faith involve concrete responses to concrete realities.

-- The Gospel never asks us to solve puzzles. Rather, it says, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Now, what are you going to **do** about that?"