

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

**A Redeeming Hope**  
**RUTH 3:1-18**

Hesed and hope are found at the feet of the Redeemer

## 1. REVIEW

Give an example of someone that went above and beyond the letter of the law for your benefit.

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Read Ruth 3:1-18 out loud. What is Ruth's hope in full surrender?

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Read Psalm 91 out loud. What is our hope in full surrender?

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## 2. ASSESS

What aspect of your life do you struggle most to surrender to God?

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Where are you: are you in need of salvation; are you in a place of desperation; or are you at risk of self-sufficiency? What does absolute surrender look like for you?

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## 3. APPLY

What posture shaping activities will you commit to for the sake of sustained surrender?

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Take five minutes in silent prayer to confess/surrender. End with a prayer or song of worship and praise for God's gracious love, forgiveness, and salvation in these areas of surrender.

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## MY GROUP'S APPLICATIONS

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## SERMON NOTES

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## FOR FURTHER STUDY...

### *Surrender Means Utter Defeat*

God cannot resurrect what is alive. Likewise, until we have died to our sins, God cannot create new life (righteousness) in us. Surrender to God is not a strategic defeat where you have some strength left but cut your losses and go with the other side. Instead, it is admitting utter defeat and throwing yourself fully and eternally on the Father through His Son and by His Spirit. God cannot give us new life until we surrender the old life. Therefore, God graciously shows us our real weakness through trials. In our desperation, we cast ourselves into his gracious arms, never to seek strength in sin again. Trials graciously meet all of God's people: Noah was ostracized from humanity and given an impossible task; Abraham left everyone he ever knew and showed surrender even when the life of his son hung in the balance; Joseph got sold by his own family, falsely accused, and imprisoned; Moses spent forty years in the wilderness (two times!), and he got a lot of hate from the people he was with; Ruth and Naomi faced starvation, bareness, death, and utter humiliation; David spent years running for his life only to have the worst family issues you could imagine; Jesus was mocked, beaten, and murdered on a cross by those he loved and came to save; and his apostles each outdid one another in the trials they faced for the glory of God. This list is not exhaustive, but it demonstrates how God loves his people too much to let them live by their own strength. Sin is rebellion and warfare against God; our gracious Father will not stop until we fall on our faces in complete surrender since only then can we experience the full measure of his love and power working in us and through us for his glory!

## 5 DAY READING PLAN

### DAY 1

#### **Proverbs 31:10-31**

*What does it say?*

*What does it mean?*

*How should I respond?*

### DAY 2

#### **Luke 22:24-27**

*What does it say?*

*What does it mean?*

*How should I respond?*

### DAY 3

#### **John 13:12-17**

*What does it say?*

*What does it mean?*

*How should I respond?*

### DAY 4

#### **Romans 12**

*What does it say?*

*What does it mean?*

*How should I respond?*

### DAY 5

#### **Philippians 2:1-11**

*What does it say?*

*What does it mean?*

*How should I respond?*