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Gen. 2:24 - God's intention for marriage:

A man and a woman.

The closest of human relationships.

A place of comfort and security.

God made marriage for the betterment of man and woman.



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Making marriage secure:

Choose your marriage partner wisely.

Dress for the kind of mate you want.



3:6-11 - The plan plays out.

A curious marriage proposal.

A known custom, a lot of symbolism.

Ruth did nothing immoral.

"You are a virtuous woman."

A living, breathing model of the ideal painted in Proverbs 31.



A picture of salvation in Christ?

<u>Ruth</u> - our condition before Jesus: Poor, helpless, needing mercy and grace.

Boaz - Jesus' ability and desire: Rich, merciful, gracious, longing to bless, overjoyed when we come to Him.

Ruth's appeal - Our appeal to Christ:
Obedience to the gospel.

Ruth's marriage to Boaz - The church as the bride of Christ: redeemed and blessed!