

**Transforming Daily**  
**“ . . shall I not seek security . . . ”**  
*Ruth 3:1*

For Naomi, security was a pressing issue. She had just lost her husband, her sons, a daughter-in-law, gained the sole responsibility of her other daughter-in-law, and had to move from a place that she had just recently been calling home. In light of that, she had returned to her people of her homeland “empty.” Security was a very pressing issue for Naomi.

Some translate the word “security” here as “rest.” That is fine if “rest” is understood as “confidant assurance.” Naomi’s plan was to get Ruth hitched to Boaz, and then her “worries” would be over. In other words, neither Naomi nor Ruth would lack anything if they had Boaz to redeem them. They would have a man to speak on their behalf (which was an absolute necessity in their culture), a home in which to live, resources by which to live, and the potential for a family. That’s what Naomi meant by “security.”

I often tell people that men are looking for significance and women are looking for security. It’s true. Husbands offer a better sense of security to their wives and families when they feel that their contribution in life is significant. Wives feel that their husbands’ contribution in life is significant when they offer a certain level of security to the relationship. This concept is another way of saying, “wives submit unto your husbands, as unto the Lord, and husbands love your wives, as Christ loved the church.” (Ephesians 5) The wife is not likely to show respect for her husband if she doesn’t feel loved by him, and the husband is not likely to love the wife who doesn’t respect him. Since the husband is commissioned by God to be the head of the household, he should take the responsibility to initiate and sustain a sense of security for his wife and family irrespective of his feelings of significance.

In a more general application of “security,” Tom Elliff uses the word “serenity.” It is another word for “rest,” and “peace.” Elliff says that “serenity” is the conscious awareness of the presence of Christ. While it is important to have a theological and Christological awareness of the presence of Christ, i.e., Jesus is Lord and Savior, it is equally important for security and serenity to have a conscious awareness of His present as well. This is the assurance we have behind the promise that Jesus will never leave us or forsake us.

Do you sense that kind of security? Are you trusting His Word? Are you resting in the presence of the Holy Spirit? Does human anxiety rob you of present happiness and today’s pleasant experiences? In the presence, provision, and protection of Christ, that is the answer to the question, “Shall I not seek security?”