

MARRIAGE MINISTRY

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Key Passage

- Book of Ruth (All Chapters)

What Does The Bible Say About Marriage

- Marriage Purpose - Genesis 2
- Responsibilities - Ephesians 5
- Unity - Matthew 19: 4-6
- Honorable - Hebrews 13:5

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It's The Small Things

Remember when you and your spouse first met? You'd listen to each other breathe on the phone. You were obsessed with the little things that made you choose to love this person.

Too often the same traits that made us smile during our courtship become an annoyance. While dating she loved him because he was strong minded, a renegade of sort, maybe he made it clear that he answers to God alone! After a few years of marriage and a few children, the same man with the same traits is described as stubborn. He loved how much she trusted in his ability to get things done, now she is lazy and lacks ambition.

It is the small things that made the person we chose stand out. It is similar to the story of Ruth and Boaz in the Book of Ruth. Boaz is a man of great wealth and has what he wants at his disposal. But, there was something about Ruth as she gleaned the field that caught his attention. It was the years of the little things that he heard about that grabbed his attention.

Notice that this woman is gleaning fields, she can't offer him much of anything. For Boaz to love this woman, it is going to be a sacrifice. The Bible says Boaz redeemed her and she became his wife. But this wasn't any acquisition. He took ownership of everything associated with her past so she could be his wife.

There are lessons we can learn from Boaz. Marriages can go stale and we forget the little things that made us love our spouse in the first place. Love should be an outward action and a sacrificial lifestyle. Instead of looking at your spouse and wondering how they benefit you, take a moment to remember the little things you love about them and spend your time figuring out how you can benefit them.