

**Lesson 3****Resilient Daughters: Ruth and Bathsheba****REFLECTION GUIDE****Welcome**

As you watch the lesson, take notes on key themes, ideas, and questions that stand out to you. Pause the video when needed to reflect, jot down insights, or revisit an important section. Stay attentive to how the content connects with both your personal faith journey and issues that matter to your community.

**Questions**

- In many sermons and Bible studies, Jesus is often compared with Boaz, who functions as a “kinsman redeemer” in the book of Ruth. While this connection is certainly possible, in what ways does Jesus actually show up more like Ruth than Boaz? What do Jesus and Ruth have in common?
- Ruth’s and Tamar’s stories are very similar, particularly in that they both use sexual subterfuge to bring about righteousness. How does this understanding of sexuality challenge or nuance the ways you think about both the Bible and sexuality?
- The following passages describe events in the David story featuring the prophet Nathan: 2 Samuel 7:1-17; 11:26-12:15; and 12:24-25. Read each of them.
  - What do you learn about Nathan in each?
  - How does he interact with authorities and what role does he seem to play?
  - How do these insights about Nathan inform your understanding of 1 Kings 1, in which Nathan advises Bathsheba to advocate for her son (Solomon) to become king?
- The biblical concept of shalom includes the notion of financial repayment or restitution. How does this change the way you think about our collective responsibility to bring about shalom in the world? What might this look like in the following arenas?
  - our families
  - our churches
  - our communities
  - our society