

# Faith in Taking the Initiative

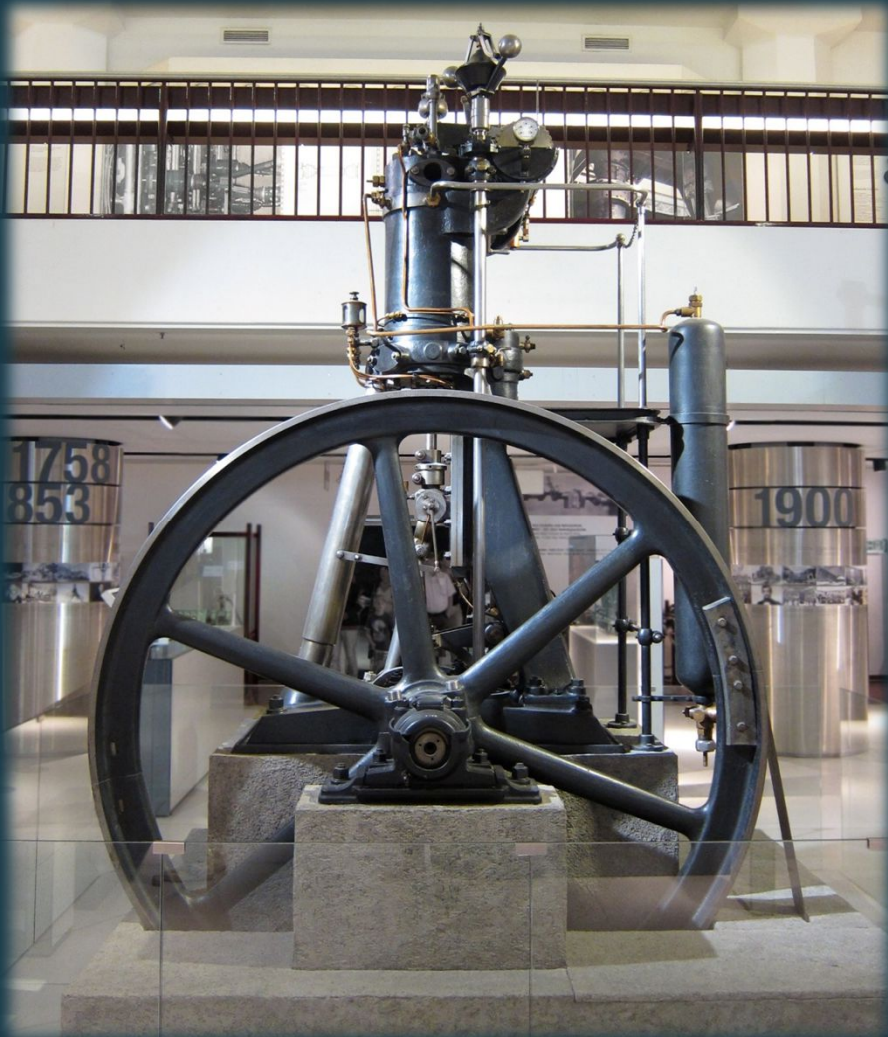
Ruth: Chapter 3

*Ruth, the Moabite daughter-in-law of Naomi, finds God's grace and favor through faith!*



# Initiative

- The ability to assess and initiate things independently.
- Energy or aptitude displayed in initiation of action.



# Rudolph Diesel

*The Inventor of the Diesel engine*

# Context and Overview of Ruth

## Chapter 1:

*It is the time of the Judges. There was a famine in Israel.*

*Naomi and Elimelech, from Bethlehem traveled to Moab with their two sons, Mahlon and Chilion, who then married Moabite women, Orpah and Ruth. Elimelech, Mahlon and Chilion all die, leaving Naomi, Ruth and Orpah widows. Naomi returns to Israel. Ruth, expressing her love, goes with her.*

# Context and Overview of Ruth

## Chapter 2:

*Back in Bethlehem, Ruth offers to provide for Naomi and herself by gleaning the barley harvest in fields of Boaz - who was a wealthy landowner and close relative of Naomi. Boaz notices Ruth and knows she is the daughter-in law of Naomi. Boaz shows kindness and care for Ruth by providing protection and extra barley grain for Ruth to glean.*

# Naomi's Initiative of Faith Ruth 3:1-4, & v.18

A. Naomi's Initiative on Ruth's Behalf. v. 1-2

B. Naomi's Initiative to Prepare Ruth v. 3-4



## Ruth's Initiative of Faith v. 5-9

A. Ruth's Response of Faith. v. 5-7

B. Ruth's Bold Request by Faith. v. 8-9



## Boaz's Initiative of Faith v. 10-17

A. Boaz's Response of Faith. v. 10-11

B. Boaz' Initiative Driven by Faith. v. 12-13

C. Boaz's Faith Enables God's Purposes. v. 14-17

D. Naomi's Initiative Enables God's Purposes. v. 18



## Application:

Godly Initiative is Only of God When Through Faith.

A. We Take the Initiative in Life From God's Word. *(His instructions)*

*Psalm 119:105*

B. We Take the Initiative in Life From God's Power. *(His Spirit)*

*Zechariah 4:6*

C. We Glorify God Through Faith.

*Romans 5:1-2*

Spoiler Alert!



**BOAZ MARRIES RUTH!**  
**RUTH 4:6-10**

