THE BOOK OF RUTH: CHAPTER 2



Word: Ruth 2

1-4: Now Naomi had a relative on her husband's side, a man of standing from the clan of Elimelek, whose name was Boaz. 2 And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favor." Naomi said to her, "Go ahead, my daughter." 3 So she went out, entered a field and began to glean behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she was working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelek. 4 Just then Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters, "The Lord be with you!" "The Lord bless you!" they answered.

8-12: 8 So Boaz said to Ruth, "My daughter, listen to me. Don't go and glean in another field and don't go away from here. Stay here with the women who work for me. 9 Watch the field where the men are harvesting, and follow along after the women. I have told the men not to lay a hand on you. And whenever you are thirsty, go and get a drink from the water jars the men have filled." 10 At this, she bowed down with her face to the ground. She asked him, "Why have I found such favor in your eyes that you notice me—a foreigner?" 11 Boaz replied, "I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. 12 May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."

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Discussion:

- 1. What are the two attitudes of Ruth that we see in Ruth 2?
- 2. What ways have you exemplified faith and obedience to God recently?

3. Reflect:

- a. Timing: Share of a time where you experienced God's timing, where He turned things around when it was least expected.
- b. Protection: Share of a time where you experienced God's protection.
- c. Inclusion: Share of the time when you first receive Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior. How as your life before you were included in God's family and after?
- d. Provision: Share of a time where you experienced God's provision. How did God provide a "Boaz" to you?
- 4. How can you be a "Boaz" to someone this week?