

THE BLESSINGS OF HOPE & GRACE
(Ruth 2:1-16) pt 2

- Are God's resources greater than your burdens? (2 Cor.12:9-10)
- "God is not really out to make you *comfortable*, but to make you *conformable*. (Romans 8:28-29)" [Warren Wiersbe]

I. Ruth Deciding... To Remain With Naomi... Weeping (chp 1)

II. Ruth's Devotion Demonstrated ...While She Seeks To Care For Naomi, God Cares For Her (2:1-23)

A. Ruth Gleaning To Meet Their Needs (2:1-2)

1. As this chapter opens, we are introduced to the human hero of our story, whose name is _____. (2:1)
2. Due to their poverty status, Ruth requests and is granted permission from Naomi to go and _____ ears of grain. (2:2)
3. As Ruth walked by _____ with a willingness to _____, she came to the field belonging to _____. (2:3)

* Was this by accident?

* What can you learn from this?

B. As Ruth Walked by Faith, the Lord Provided for Her _____ Through Boaz, by His _____. (2:4-16)

1. Boaz was a godly believer who lived with a sense of the _____ and _____ of God in life. (2:4)

* What does 'the LORD be with you' mean?

- What does this tell us about this man & his workers?

2. Boaz inquires about Ruth by asking, "_____ is this?"(2:5-7)

* What does this indicate?

a. He took _____ of her!

- What does scripture tell us that godly men will note about women?(1 Peter 3:1-5)

b. Having noticed her, he further inquired to know whether she was _____ or who she _____.

3. Boaz requests that she not _____ his fields but that she occupy this _____ for gleaning: a) to keep an _____ on her, b) to meet her physical _____, and c) to provide _____ for her. (2:8-9)

4. Ruth responds with the question of... _____ this “_____” toward me? (2:10)

- How was her response to Boaz demonstrated?

a. ... with expressed _____ (2:10a)... “*she fell on her face & bowed toward the ground*”

b. ... with much _____ (2:10b) “*why have I found favor in your sight that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?*”

* What does this reveal about Ruth?

- What parallel in scripture can we see from these two in this “love story”?

- So what is his *desire* for her? (2:12)

5. In return for his graciousness, she also has _____ him! (2:13)

- What has she noticed about Boaz?

a. ... his words have _____ her

b. ... she has seen his _____ demonstrated toward her, even though she is a foreigner!

c. This appealed to her with the _____ every woman longs for!

6. Boaz has noticed Ruth with both a _____ and _____ perspective.

* What would cause Ruth to respond like this, and what does this illustrate to us?

* What closing lessons can you learn from this?