



Worship Service
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RUTH: Finding Hope in a Fallen World

Lesson Five • Ruth 2:1-13
Under the Wings of God

When You Hit Rock Bottom

Don't give up; instead fix your HOPE on God's amazing grace.

And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest. Ruth 1:22

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

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Step 1: Live by FAITH in the Lord! *Ruth 2:1-2*

Two Desperate Widows

Ruth and Naomi are HUNGRY with no one to provide them with food and to protect them from harm.

One Woman's Step of Faith

Ruth takes the initiative to GLEAN in the fields for food.

Gleaning in the Fields

This was God's "WELFARE TO WORK" program for the poor.

When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and the alien. I am the LORD your God. Leviticus 23:22

When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the alien, the fatherless and the widow, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. Deuteronomy 24:19

He [God] executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and shows His love for the alien by giving him food and clothing. Deuteronomy 10:18

Step 2: Look for the GRACE of God at Work! *Ruth 2:3-13*

Two Remarkable Things "Happened" in Ruth's Life

- Divine COINCIDENCE graciously guides Ruth to the fields of Boaz. vs. 3

God's Hand in Our Luck

Nothing in life "happens" by accident, chance, or luck; it happens by the gracious hand of God's providence.

- Divine COMFORT graciously sustains Ruth in the fields of Boaz. vs. 13

A Channel of God's Grace

Through Boaz, God protects Ruth from harm and provides Ruth with food.

Why Did Ruth Find Such Amazing Grace?

Because Ruth sought refuge under the WINGS OF GOD!

Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"

But Boaz answered her, "...The LORD repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!" Ruth 2:10-12

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in You my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of Your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by. Psalm 57:1

The Lesson of Hope from the Fields of Boaz

If we will faithfully trust and obey, God will graciously guide and provide.

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