

***A Historic Love
Story***

Ruth 2

So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. Now they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

Ruth 1:22

God is *always*
at work

***God works all things
according to the counsel of
His will.***

Ephesians 1:11

There was a relative of Naomi's husband, a man of great wealth, of the family of Elimelech. His name was Boaz.

Ruth 2:1

Boaz is a man to
be *imitated*

***So Ruth the Moabiteess
said to Naomi, “Please let
me go to the field, and
glean heads of grain after
him in whose sight I may
find favor.”***

*And she said to her,
“Go, my daughter.”*

Ruth 2:2

*When you reap the
harvest of your land, you
shall not reap your field
right up to its edge,
neither shall you gather
the gleanings after your
harvest.*

Leviticus 19:9

***And you shall not strip
your vineyard bare, neither
shall you gather the fallen
grapes of your vineyard.***

***You shall leave them
for the poor and for the
sojourner: I am the
LORD your God.***

Leviticus 19:10

*Then she left, and went
and gleaned in the field
after the reapers. And she
happened to come to the
part of the field belonging
to Boaz, who was of the
family of Elimelech.*

Ruth 2:3

God works
through
circumstances

*Now behold, Boaz came
from Bethlehem, and said
to the reapers, “The
LORD be with you!”*

*And they answered him,
“The LORD bless you!”*

Ruth 2:4

***Then Boaz said to his
servant who was in
charge of the reapers,
“Whose young woman
is this?”***

Ruth 2:5

***So the servant who was
in charge of the reapers
answered and said, “It is
the young Moabite
woman who
came back with Naomi
from the country of
Moab.***

Ruth 2:6

***And she said, 'Please
let me glean and
gather after the
reapers among the
sheaves.'***

***So she came and has
continued from
morning until now,
though she rested a
little in the house.”***

Ruth 2:7

***Then Boaz said to Ruth,
“You will listen, my
daughter, will you not? Do
not go to glean in another
field, nor go from here, but
stay close by my young
women.***

Ruth 2:8

***Let your eyes be on
the field which they
reap, and go after
them. Have I not
commanded the young
men not to touch you?***

***And when you are
thirsty, go to the
vessels and drink from
what the young men
have drawn.”***

Ruth 2:9

Trust God to
protect you

***So she fell on her face,
bowed down 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?”***

Ruth 2:10

***And Boaz answered
and said to her, “It has
been fully reported to
me, all that you have
done for your mother-
in-law since the death
of your husband,***

*and how you have left
your father and your
mother and the land of
your birth, and have
come to a people
whom you did not
know before.*

Ruth 2:11

The LORD repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge.”

Ruth 2:12

***Then she said, “Let me
find favor in your
sight, my lord;***

*for you have comforted
me, and have spoken
kindly to your
maidservant, though I
am not like one of your
maidservants.”*

Ruth 2:13

***Now Boaz said to her
at mealtime, “Come
here, and eat of the
bread, and dip your
piece of bread in the
vinegar.”***

So she sat beside the reapers, and he passed parched grain to her; and she ate and was satisfied, and kept some back.

Ruth 2:14

*And when she rose up
to glean, Boaz
commanded his young
men, saying, “Let her
glean even among the
sheaves, and do not
reproach her.*

Ruth 2:15

Also let grain from the bundles fall purposely for her; leave it that she may glean, and do not rebuke her.”

Ruth 2:16

So she gleaned in the field until evening, and beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.

Ruth 2:17

***Then she took it up
and went into the city,
and her mother-in-law
saw what she had
gleaned.***

*So she brought out
and gave to her what
she had kept back
after she had been
satisfied.*

Ruth 2:18

***And her mother-in-law
said to her, “Where
have you gleaned
today? And where did
you work? Blessed be
the one who took
notice of you.”***

***So she told her
mother-in-law with
whom she had worked,
and said, “The man’s
name with whom I
worked today is Boaz.”***

Ruth 2:19

Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, “Blessed be he of the LORD, who has not forsaken His kindness to the living and the dead!”

***And Naomi said to her,
“This man is a relation
of ours, one of our
close relatives.”***

Ruth 2:20

***Ruth the Moabite said,
“He also said to me, ‘You
shall stay close by my
young men until they
have finished all my
harvest.’”***

Ruth 2:21

And Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, “It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, and that people do not meet you in any other field.”

Ruth 2:22

*So she stayed close by
the young women of
Boaz, to glean until the
end of barley harvest and
wheat harvest; and she
dwelt with her mother-in-
law.*

Ruth 2:23

Let God provide