

A STORY OF **RUTH** REDEMPTION



The Sovereign God of Redemptive Grace

Ruth 2

Main Idea

The Lord is faithful to redeem those who take refuge in Him.

Overview

- **Ruth: Moves to hopefully find favor in a harvest field (vs. 2)**
 - Ruth “happened” to come to the part of the field belonging to a relative of Naomi’s husband Elimelech named Boaz (vs. 3)
 - Boaz appears as one who knows the Lord (vs. 4)

- **Boaz offers extreme grace**
 - Ruth asks permission to glean to young worker (vs. 7)
 - Boaz comes to her and tells her to only glean in his field (vs. 8)
 - Encourages her to follow the young women gleaning in his field (vs. 9)
 - He commands his young men to keep their hands off her (he protects her) (vs. 9)
 - Provides water for her (vs. 9)

- **Ruth responds in humility, submission, and thanks to grace received as she is a foreigner, not deserving such treatment (vs. 10)**
 - Ruth questions why such kindness (vs. 10)
 - Boaz responds that she is being rewarded by her abandonment to family and familiar (vs. 11)
 - Boaz says payment comes from the Lord for her having taken refuge in His wings (vs. 12)
 - Ruth is not an employer due a wage, a “chick” who is experiencing the grace of the wings of the Father in Boaz
 - Ruth says she is comforted though she isn’t even a servant

- **Boaz offers more grace and kindness**
 - Ruth is given more food and she was satisfied and even had leftovers (vs. 14)
 - Ruth is instructed to glean among the more profitable sheaves (vs. 15)
 - Boaz instructs that she is to have bundles (vs. 16)

- **Ruth returns home to Naomi with an abundance (vs. 17)**
 - Naomi is overwhelmed at the generosity and wants to know where it came from (vs. 19)
 - Ruth responds that he worked in the field of a man named Boaz (vs. 19)
 - Naomi blesses Boaz in whom she finds “kindness” (*hesed*: Covenant loyal, love, comfort, compassion of God) amongst the “living and the dead” (vs. 20)
 - Living: Naomi and Ruth
 - Dead: Elimelech (Chilion and Mahlon)

- Ruth speaks of the continued blessing of Boaz in returning to the harvest (vs. 21)

Questions

Discussion starter: What does grace mean? Have you ever seen it play out in someone's life?

1. Describe the many places you see the Sovereign hand of God at work in this story.
2. How can we cultivate more of a lifestyle that is attentive to God's providential hand in our lives?
3. Why is Ruth so stunned at Boaz's favor towards her? (vs. 10)
4. In what ways does Ruth clearly see that she is receiving grace? How does she respond?
5. How are we in a similar position to Ruth in the Gospel?
6. What was the motive of Boaz in such kindness? (vs. 11-12)
7. How is this not an example of how "God helps those who help themselves?" (vs. 12)
8. Naomi sees that the Lord has shown kindness (*hesed*) in His not forsaking the "living and the dead." And she follows up this statement by telling Ruth that Boaz is a Redeemer. Why is this significant?
9. How has the Lord likewise displayed His Kindness (*hesed*: Covenant love that is loyal, comforting, compassionate, etc.) towards us in giving us a Redeemer? Explain the connection
10. Why is it we so often move into a self-righteousness instead of seeing ourselves like Ruth, unworthy foreigners to God's Redeeming Grace?
11. What does the word Redemption mean?

Accountability Question: What are some areas of self-righteousness that need repentance in light of understanding who you are apart from Christ?