

# Ruth: Life Is A Journey

## Ruth 2:1-23 #2 Devotion

- I. **Ruth In the Field: “Chancing upon Chance,” Ruth went to work in the fields of a reputable man named Boaz, who was a relative of Elimelech’s – Ruth 2:1-7.**
  - A. Introduction. Boaz was a man of great standing in Bethlehem who “happened” to be related to Naomi’s deceased husband Elimelech – Ruth 2:1.
  - B. Providence. As Ruth went to work looking for favor and to provide for her and Naomi, she “ended up” working Boaz’s field – Ruth 2:2-3.
  - C. Character. Boaz’s integrity and graciousness created an environment that allowed his workers to extend those same values to the less fortunate who came to glean in his fields – Ruth 2:4-7.
  
- II. **Ruth with Boaz: After learning Ruth’s identity, Boaz praised her for her strong character and, then, revealed his own character by offering her both protection and provision – Ruth 2:8-16.**
  - A. Offer. When Boaz approached Ruth to offer her both protection and provision, she was overwhelmed by Boaz’s undeserved favor towards her – Ruth 2:8-10.
  - B. Esteemed. Boaz’s offer to protect and provide for Ruth was grounded in his deep respect for the observable manifestations of her true character – Ruth 2:11-13.
  - C. Extravagance. In his care for Ruth, Boaz invited her to lavishly dine alongside him and then instructed his workers to intentionally leave large quantities of the harvest for her to take home – Ruth 2:14-16.
  
- III. **Ruth with Naomi: When Ruth explained her extravagant earnings, Naomi praised God, seeing this as His kindness towards them, and they decided that Ruth would continue to work Boaz’s fields – Ruth 2:17-23.**
  - A. Productive. After a full day of hard work that yielded a significant amount of food, Ruth returned home to Naomi with leftovers from her lunch and enough food for several days – Ruth 2:17-18.
  - B. Kindness. When Naomi learned that Ruth had worked Boaz’s field, she was overwhelmed with gratitude and told Ruth that Boaz was a relative and could serve as a kinsman-redeemer – Ruth 2:19-20.
  - C. Promise. When Ruth told Naomi that Boaz invited her back to work until the harvest was completed, Naomi encouraged her to continue there – Ruth 2:21-23.