



Devotion Info
- God's Fingerprints -

DAY 1: Read Ruth 2:1-12

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[2] One day Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go out into the harvest fields to pick up the stalks of grain left behind by anyone who is kind enough to let me do it."

Naomi replied, "All right, my daughter, go ahead." [3] So Ruth went out to gather grain behind the harvesters. And as it happened, she found herself working in a field that belonged to Boaz, the relative of her father-in-law, Elimelech.

[4] While she was there, Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters. "The Lord be with you!" he said. "The Lord bless you!" the harvesters replied.

[5] Then Boaz asked his foreman, "Who is that young woman over there? Who does she belong to?"

[6] And the foreman replied, "She is the young woman from Moab who came back with Naomi. [7] She asked me this morning if she could gather grain behind the harvesters. She has been hard at work ever since, except for a few minutes' rest in the shelter."

[8] Boaz went over and said to Ruth, "Listen, my daughter. Stay right here with us when you gather grain; don't go to any other fields. Stay right behind the young women working in my field. [9] See which part of the field they are harvesting, and then follow them. I have warned the young men not to treat you roughly. And when you are thirsty, help yourself to the water they have drawn from the well."

[10] Ruth fell at his feet and thanked him warmly. "What have I done to deserve such kindness?" she asked. "I am only a foreigner."

[11] "Yes, I know," Boaz replied. "But I also know about everything you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband. I have heard how you left your father and mother and your own land to live here among complete strangers. [12] May the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully for what you have done."

Ruth 2:1-12 NLT

- Do we muddy our theology with ideas of luck, coincidence, or karma?

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Ruth 2:1-2 NLT

- What picture of grace can you see in verses 1-2?

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Ruth 2:2-6 NLT

- Would you argue for or against the statement that "Obediently working while patiently waiting is evidence of trusting God?"

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Ruth 2:2-6 NLT

- Do you believe your faith is more active or passive?
- How would you defend your answer?

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Ruth 2:8-12 NLT

- How does Boaz's behavior contrast with typical dynamics of power and privilege?
- In what ways has God entrusted you with influence, resources, or safety that you can use to protect and elevate those who are vulnerable in your community?

Application:

- What does it practically look like to take refuge under God's wings rather than relying on human security systems, finances, or personal connections?
- How did God use the physical actions of Boaz to answer his own prayer for Ruth's protection?

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