

LET ME NOW GO TO THE FIELD

RUTH 2

Text: Ruth 2:2

Introduction:

1. THE PURPOSE IN HER SEARCH (VS 2)

Ruth 2:2

And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.

A. Was searching for food

B. Was searching for favor - "I shall find grace"

She was looking for someone who would accept her and allow her to glean in his fields, in spite of her nationality.

C. She was searching for fulfillment - "Let me go now"

She was looking out for Naomi and desired to be a blessing to her.

2. THE PROVIDENCE IN HER SEARCH (VS 3)

Ruth 2:3

And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech.

A. Involved God's command in the past.

Leviticus 19:9-10

And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest. [10] And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I am the Lord your God.

Deut. 24:19-22

When thou cuttest down thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow: that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands. [20] When thou beatest thine olive tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow. [21] When thou gatherest the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean it afterward: it shall be for the stranger, for the

fatherless, and for the widow. [22] And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

God had worked in the past to take care of her present need.

Rev. 13:8

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

1 Peter 1:18-20

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; [19] But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: [20] Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

1 Cor. 15:10

But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

B. Involved God's control in the present.

This verse says that it was her "hap" to go into a field owned by this man named Boaz. From a human perspective it looked as though it was purely coincidental. However, for God's perspective, it was His plan in action.

There are no accidents with God, nor is He ever surprised.

God is always working and moving in our lives to accomplish one goal, to make us more like Christ.

Romans 8:28-31

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. [29] For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. [30] Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. [31] What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

3. THE PERSON IN HER SEARCH (VS 3)

Ruth 2:1-3

And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz. [2] And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi,

Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter. [3] And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech.

She thought that she was looking for a meal, but God was about to introduce her to a man. She wen looking for food but God was about to give her a family.

Note what the Bible teaches us about this man.

A. He was related - kindred

Boaz was just what Ruth needed. He was qualified to perform the function of kinsman redeemer.

Numbers 27:8-11

And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter. [9] And if he have no daughter, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his brethren. [10] And if he have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his father's brethren. [11] And if his father have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his kinsman that is next to him of his family, and he shall

possess it: and it shall be unto the children of Israel a statute of judgment, as the Lord commanded Moses.

B. He was a rich man (vs 1) “mighty man of wealth”

He had all the necessary resources to carry out the task of redemption.

C. He was a respected man - “a mighty man”

Boaz his name means “In it is strength”

Close:

As we come to a close today I remind you once again how that God worked in the lives of Ruth and Naomi. He desires to work in our lives the same way.

Three things I will ask you to consider.

- Are you a Christian? Not a church member, nto a good person, but truly born again?
- If you are saved, can you honestly say that you are growing in the Lord as you should be?
- Are you hungry for something in your spiritual life that you do not have right now? If so it is available from the Lord.

Psalm 84:11

For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Matthew 11:28

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.