

Grace Upon Grace Ruth 2:8-17

The BIG Idea ... We are _____ to be a _____. Like Boaz, God calls us to show lavish grace to others because He has shown us lavish grace to us (Ephesians 1:7-8; Ephesians 5:1-2).

Protecting Grace

- Ruth is _____. Boaz knows that: "I'm here to watch out for you—like you were my own daughter. Stay in my field. Keep close to my young women. I have told my guys not to touch you—in fact, they have drawn water that is available to you."
- In those days, _____ drew water for men and foreigners drew water for _____.
- Often, the vulnerable aren't _____; they are _____. And God takes that seriously (Psalm 10:9-11, 17-18).

Application: One of the ways God calls Christians to shine as lights in a dark world is to _____ the vulnerable (Isaiah 1:17).

- Ruth: "Why have I found grace in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?" Boaz: "I know who you are. I have been told what you have done. May the LORD repay you ... the One under whose _____ you have come to take _____."
- Boaz is not saying that Ruth's commitment to Naomi has so impressed God that it has _____ her _____ with God (Ephesians 2:1, 8-9).
- Ruth: "I have found _____ in your eyes, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, even though I'm an outsider."
- She doesn't yet know that Boaz's family ties qualify him to be her husband (see verse 20), so she is not working an _____ here; she is sincerely thankful because she is genuinely _____.

Providing Grace

- Boaz invites Ruth to join them for dinner and "passes her the roasted grain" ... it's officially their _____!
- It's more than a meal. It's a picture; a symbol. Boaz isn't just offering her dinner; he's _____ her dinner and _____ her dinner—and it's more than _____.
- As Ruth is heading back into the field, Boaz instructs his guys to let her have the _____ of the crop.

Applications: When the lavish grace of God fills a heart, doing the _____ isn't enough. We are the children of a _____ and welcoming God—who didn't ask us to meet him in the middle. He came to us—_____ us with His grace, not just one-time grace, but _____ grace.

Promising Grace (Philippians 4:19)

- It's the promise of _____ grace that Ruth is holding in her hands as she walks home.
- An ephah of barley equals _____ gallons; it's _____ pounds, a _____-day supply of food.
- It's Boaz's promise that this isn't a one and one thing. It's just a _____ of what's to come, because there is plenty more where that came from.

Applications: When you think you've reached the bottom of the barrel of God's grace to you, you _____. And when you think you've reached the bottom of the barrel in _____ grace to others, you haven't. God's grace will never run out for you. It will always be enough for you, not just to do the right thing, but to do the lavishly gracious thing.

The Takeaway ... To be _____ like God, we must be _____ in God (Psalm 23).