

## When A Man Meets A Woman Ruth 2:1-8

**The BIG Idea** ... God specializes in doing \_\_\_\_\_ things while remaining \_\_\_\_\_.

Providence = God \_\_\_\_\_ and powerfully interacting in real time with real people and real events to fulfill His \_\_\_\_\_. Ephesians 1:11. Sometimes, when we look in the rearview mirror, we won't see anything. Sometimes God's hidden hand stays \_\_\_\_\_. Chapter 2 of Ruth's story is the "rearview mirror" look back at all the tragedy in chapter 1.

### Boaz: A Worthy Man

- "A worthy man" = mighty man of valor; a champion. "Champion" isn't describing what Boaz \_\_\_\_\_, but who Boaz \_\_\_\_\_. He is an ordinary man of extraordinary \_\_\_\_\_. He is a good man because he is a \_\_\_\_\_ man. 1 Timothy 6:11 ...
- A relative of Naomi's deceased husband, Elimelech. According to Matthew 1, Boaz is the son of \_\_\_\_\_—she was a Canaanite and former prostitute whom God rescued from Jericho. In Ruth, Boaz will see \_\_\_\_\_ of his own mother.

Application: There are no missing puzzle pieces in your life that God is scrambling to find, and there are no pieces that don't fit together. Nothing can keep God from completing the work He has begun in you. Isaiah 46:10 ...

### Ruth: A Humble Woman

- Ruth to Naomi: "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor." Gleaning (see Leviticus 19:9-10) = the gathering of grain or other harvested material left behind by reapers.
- Ruth "\_\_\_\_\_ " to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz. In Hebrew: Ruth's "chance chanced upon ..." This isn't coincidence; it's \_\_\_\_\_ ...
- Because here comes Boaz, the knight in shining armor, who greets his reapers with, "The LORD be with you."
- The reapers respond to Boaz: "The LORD bless you." Application: When you understand that God has providentially placed you in your job, it will affect not just \_\_\_\_\_ you work, but \_\_\_\_\_ you work, and how you \_\_\_\_\_ at work.
- Boaz to the foreman: "\_\_\_\_\_ young woman is this?"
- The foreman to Boaz: "She's the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. She showed up early this morning and said, '\_\_\_\_\_ let me glean and gather after the reapers.' And she's been at it \_\_\_\_\_, except for a short rest."

Application (especially for young people): There are a few things that universally gain respect in any culture. It's what we see here with Ruth—honoring \_\_\_\_\_, showing humility and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. God will use the \_\_\_\_\_. He is building in you to providentially open doors for you, like he does for Ruth. 1 Timothy 4:12 ...

### Ruth and Boaz: A Providential Meeting

- Boaz isn't interested in what he can \_\_\_\_\_ her, but what he can \_\_\_\_\_ her. This is what love is and does. It commits to seeking after, and sacrificing for, the highest good of another.
- Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ Boaz, the \_\_\_\_\_ Boaz.

### The Takeaways ...

1. In our seasons of \_\_\_\_\_, He is \_\_\_\_\_. 2 Chronicles 16:9 ...
2. When we can't see God's \_\_\_\_\_, we can trust His \_\_\_\_\_. Romans 8:32 ...