

## Communion Meditation

Ruth 2.7-13

Series: Ruth "Character Rewarded"

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### Recap from Last Time

- Ruth returned to the "land of the living" / beyond sadness & bitterness
  - respectful, industrious, went out to glean
- Boaz a relative of Elimelech's / wealthy, attentive, industrious
  - He recognizes and empathizes with Ruth's situation

### Boaz Takes Charge

- "... listen .. don't go .. don't go .. stay here" (v8)
- Boaz had said, "Who does this young woman belong to?" (v5)
  - She doesn't "belong" to him, but he can and does help
- Boaz continues, "watch .. follow" (v9)
- Boaz seems pretty "bossy" to me
  - "... listen .. don't go .. don't go .. stay here .. watch .. follow"

### Boaz Promises Security

- v9c ~ "I've told the men not to lay a hand on you"
- v9d ~ "... get a drink from the water jars the men have filled"
  - Boaz makes it very clear that Ruth is welcome

### Read v10 - Ruth Genuinely Surprised

### Boaz Explains Himself

- v11 ~ "I've been told .. you've done .. left homeland"
- v11 ~ "May the Lord repay you .. reward you .. under whose wings"
- Boaz clearly sees himself as God's instrument
  - He prays God to bless Ruth while he himself answers that prayer
  - Jesus admonished people to =do likewise

Good character doesn't always get recognized / rewarded so quickly

But God guarantees that He notices our character

Are you a person of good character?

How do you treat strangers & those you don't like so much?