

# “Becoming the Love you Want!”

Book of Ruth series, 3.3.24

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If you \_\_\_\_\_ what most people \_\_\_\_\_, you'll \_\_\_\_\_ what most people \_\_\_\_\_.

*Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Ruth 1:16*

When you \_\_\_\_\_ from Moab, you'll find God's \_\_\_\_\_ in Bethlehem.

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And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, “Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favor.” Naomi said to her, “Go ahead, my daughter.” <sup>3</sup> So [Ruth] went out, entered a field and began to glean behind the harvesters. **Ruth 2:2-3a**

So, Ruth went out to gather grain behind the harvesters. And as it happened, she found herself working in a field that belonged to Boas, the relative of her father – in – law, Elimelech. **Ruth 2:3 NLT**

Providence of God: When God uses \_\_\_\_\_ circumstances to bring about His \_\_\_\_\_ plans.

“And we know that in \_\_\_\_\_ things God works for the good of those who \_\_\_\_\_ him...” **Romans 8:28**

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. **Ruth 2:4**

Ruth had a \_\_\_\_\_ past. Her past didn't \_\_\_\_\_ her.

Then Boas asked his foreman, “Who is that young woman over there? Who does she belong to?” <sup>6</sup> And the foreman replied, “She is the young woman from Moab who came back with Naomi. <sup>7</sup> She asked me this morning if she could gather grain behind the harvesters. She has been hard a work ever since...” **Ruth 2:5-7 NLT**

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...<sup>9</sup> 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.” **Ruth 2:8-9**

May the LORD repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.” **Ruth 2:12 NIV**

Ruth's qualities:

\_\_\_\_\_ to God  
\_\_\_\_\_ to her family  
\_\_\_\_\_ worker  
Honors God \_\_\_\_\_.

Boaz's qualities:

Man of \_\_\_\_\_  
He \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ for her.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ for her.

At mealtime Boaz said to her, “Come over here. Have some bread and dip it in the wine vinegar.” When she sat down with the harvesters, he offered her some roasted grain. She ate all she wanted and had some left over. **Ruth 2:14**

We are a Ruth was a Moabite: \_\_\_\_\_ against God. We're Moabites: We've \_\_\_\_\_.

lot like Ruth came \_\_\_\_\_-handed. So do we. Our hearts are \_\_\_\_\_.

Ruth: Everything \_\_\_\_\_ she had gleaned from \_\_\_\_\_ goodness – Us too!

Boaz was a Boaz \_\_\_\_\_ Ruth, \_\_\_\_\_ than she expected! God blesses us, more than we \_\_\_\_\_.

lot like Boaz invited Ruth to \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us to his.

God:

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# Life Group Notes

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## Start talking. Conversation Starter.

- Share one small way you saw God at work in your life this week.

## Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why? Is there anything you want to learn more about?
- Read **Ruth 2:1-3**. What stands out to you in this passage? What qualities do you see in Ruth?
- What quality or characteristic is God calling you to develop? How can you work on developing that trait?

## Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Sometimes God uses natural circumstances to bring about His supernatural plans. Share about a time when you saw the providence of God in your own life. What did you learn through that experience?
- Is there an area in your life where you’re ready to move to the next chapter? Talk about this with your LifeGroup.

## Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

*Father, thank You for caring so deeply for us. We want to honor You with our whole lives, so help us turn away from anything that’s preventing us from being close to You. Please develop our character and help us look more like You. Help us to see all the ways You’re moving in our lives today. In Jesus’ name, amen.*

## Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Look for ways God is at work in your life this week. Share what you notice with your Life Group.
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.