



A Divine Meeting

RUTH CHAPTER 2

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THE BOOK OF RUTH

Have you ever wondered if you missed God's direction thinking, 'why doesn't God just tell me what to do?' Let me help you: **be faithful where you are and let God handle the details!** Scripture is setting the tone for us to understand a divine meeting of a special man for a faithful woman.

I. A FAITHFUL MAN

We are introduced to Boaz:

- Boaz is a mighty man of wealth.
- Boaz means *the quality of being swift, rapid, or having great speed*.
- Boaz is a pillar of strength - literally (2 Chron. 3:15-17).

II. GOD IS WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES

Ruth's *hap* was to go to Boaz's field. The word 'hap' in Hebrew is *miqrê*, meaning: **an accident or fortune, something befallen, a chance event**. In English, the root of 'happiness' is 'hap', seen in 'perhaps', 'happenstance', 'haphazard', and 'happen'. It means: *chance, luck, or fortune*. But why would God leave this most important meeting between Ruth and Boaz up to *chance*? Remember, without Ruth, there's no Jesus crying in the manger in Bethlehem!

Also note: Ruth didn't pray, ask for a dream, receive a vision, see an angel or hear a voice from heaven. Yet she *still* ended up in the right place at the right time! How?

Key: God is able to make all things work out for you; you remain faithful to Christ (Prov. 3:5-6, Ps. 32:8-9).

III. BOAZ: A FIGURE OF CHRIST

This mighty man of wealth and pillar of strength booms out to his workers **blessings** in the Lord's name! He's hard at work and joyful. When Boaz comes on the scene, everyone notices. He loves his work, he loves his workers and he loves his God - the Lord Almighty. And we are also going to see - he will love a woman with all his heart. "Whose damsel is this?" Boaz booms out.

BOAZ	CHRIST
Provides Ruth with work	Provides us with Kingdom Work (Matt. 20:1-16)
Provides Ruth a community of other young women	Provides His body with Church community (Col. 3:16)
Provides Ruth with sustenance	Provides all our needs (Phil. 4:19)
Provides Ruth with protection from young men	Provides our protection, is our hiding place & deliverance (Ps. 32:7, Heb. 13:6)
Provides Ruth with water when thirsty	Provides us Living Water when thirsty (Jn. 7:37-38)

IV. RUTH A FIGURE OF THE CHURCH

RUTH	CHURCH
Ruth understands Boaz's Grace was not earned.	We see the Grace of Christ while yet sinners (Rom. 5:8-11)
Ruth left her life, parents, land, and community	We are to give up all for Christ (Matt. 19:29)
Ruth sought refuge under the wings of the Lord!	We are to seek Christ's shelter (Ps. 91:4)
Ruth calls Boaz her Lord, her comfort, her kindness - even as a foreigner.	As foreigners, we cry out to Christ as our Lord, our comfort and our kind King (Eph. 2:12)

Ruth:

- Never lost site of protecting Naomi
- Reciprocated Boaz's kindness
- Worked hard and was physically strong (carrying 52 pounds of barley!)
- Shut out all distraction, trusted Boaz and committed to working every day for the rest of the harvest under his care.

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