

RUTH

From Ordinary to Extraordinary

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NAOMI: “MY JOY”

Widow of Elimelech

Mother of Mahlon and Chilion

Mother-in-law of Ruth and Orpah

Ruth’s Advisor

**The grandmother of Obed;
The great-grandmother of Jesse;
The great-great-grandmother of David,
and the ancestor of Jesus Christ**



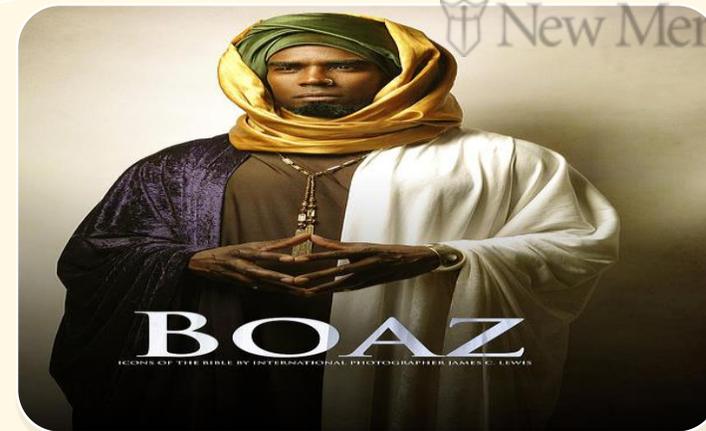
RUTH: “FRIENDSHIP”

The Moabite (Gentile) widow of Mahlon

The daughter-in-law of Naomi and Elimelech

She marries Boaz, a Hebrew from Bethlehem

**She gave birth to a son, Obed; Obed is the father of Jesse, the grandfather of David, and the ancestor of Jesus Christ;
The great-grandmother of King David and an ancestor of Jesus of Nazareth**



BOAZ: “STRENGTH”

The wealthy landowner and kinsman of Elimelech

Honorable man of Bethlehem from the tribe of Judah; A businessman who showed favor to Ruth and became her husband

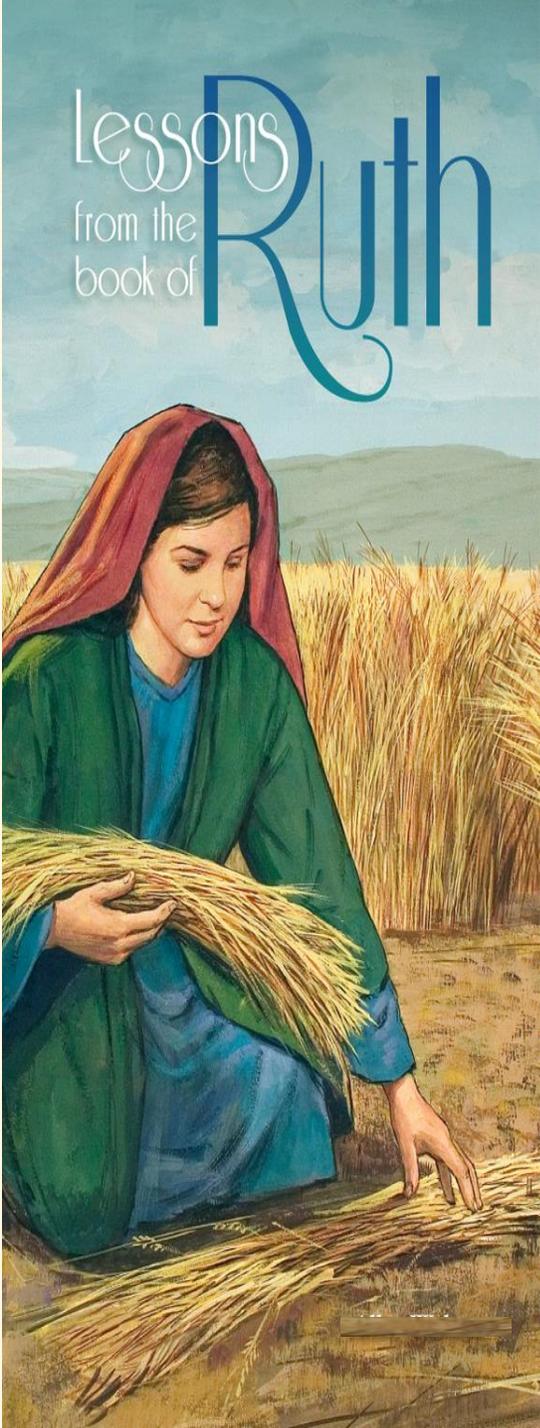
Father of Obed (grandfather of Jesus); Ancestor of King David and our Lord Jesus Christ

(Ruth 2:1) There was a relative of Naomi’s husband, a man of great wealth, of the family of Elimelech. His name was Boaz.

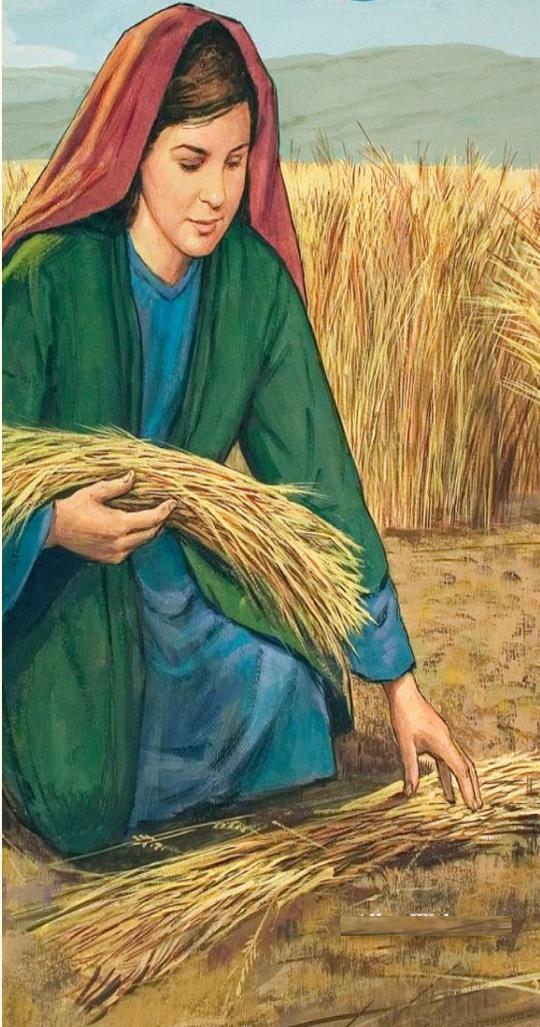
SUMMARY

The Book of Ruth tells the story of 3 people:

- Naomi, a widow from Bethlehem in Judah;
- Ruth, her daughter-in-law from Moab;
- and Boaz, a gentleman farmer from Bethlehem.



Lessons from the book of Ruth

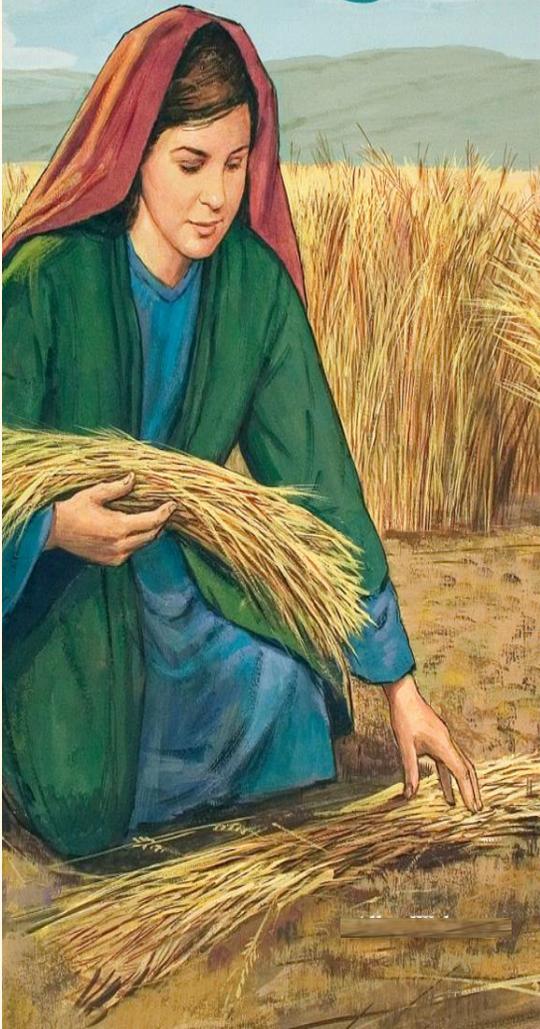


Ruth, in a supreme act of devotion, follows Naomi home from Moab and there meets Boaz, Naomi's close relative.

Boaz understands that Ruth, though a foreigner from a despised nation, is a woman of worth.

Through a scheme of Naomi to send Ruth to meet Boaz in secret, and through the cleverness of Boaz, who claims Ruth before the city elders, Boaz and Ruth marry and have a child, thus ensuring the continuation of the Davidic line that eventually leads to the birth of Jesus.

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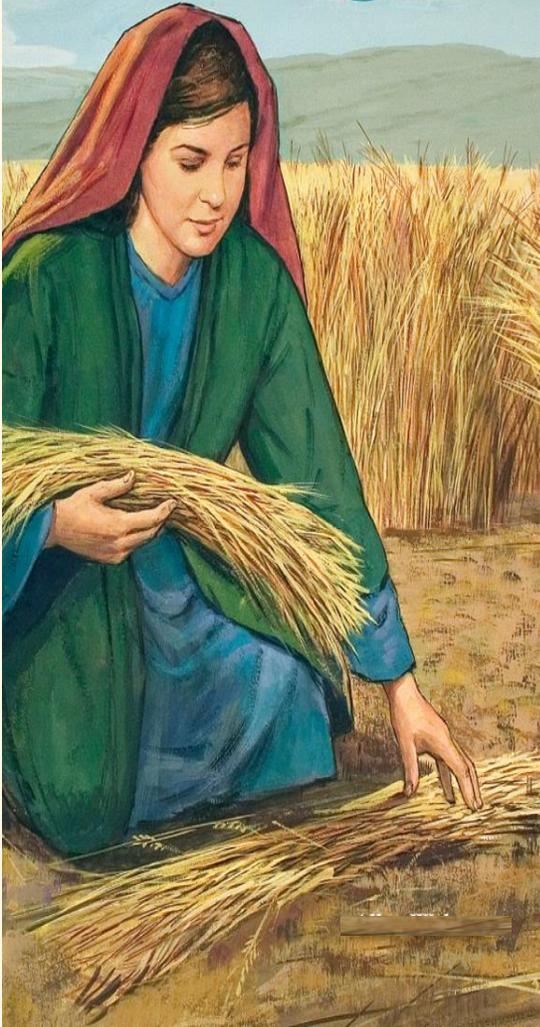


PURPOSE

The Book of Ruth Reveals:

- **God's providence, grace, love and most importantly, redemption**
- **Redefines family, centering not on blood relationships but rather on acts of loyalty and love**
- **A friendship between Ruth and Naomi that reminds us that King David was a descendant of Ruth and her husband, Boaz**

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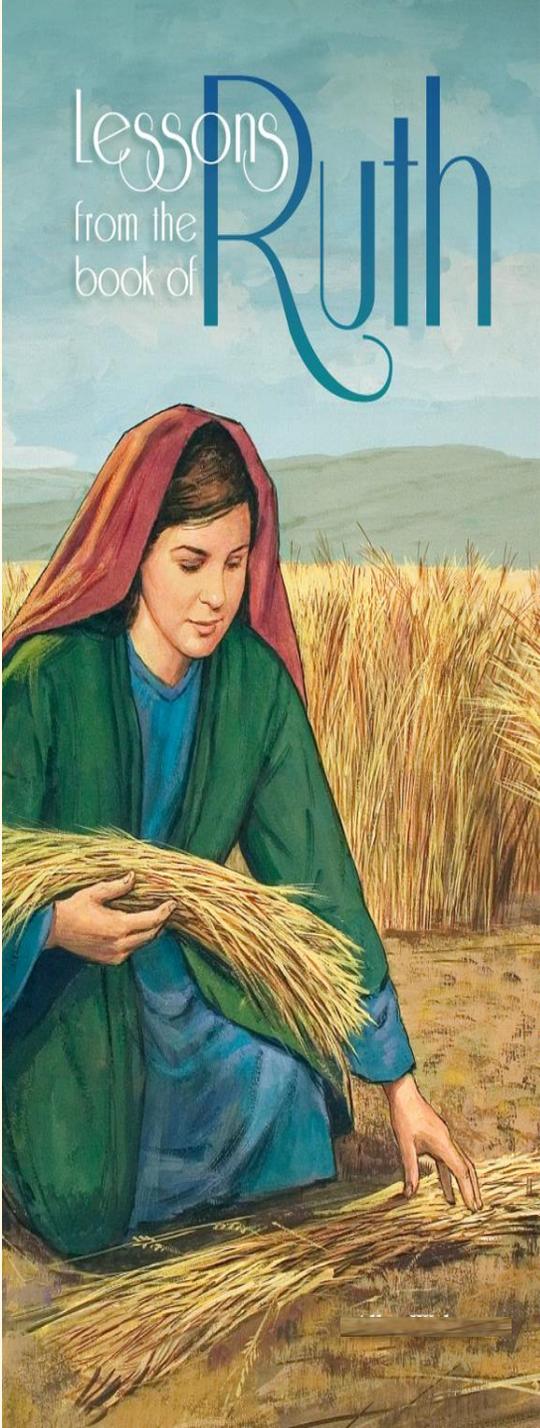


- **How God can turn messes into miracles in order to advance His kingdom program, plan and agenda**
- **How Jesus could trace his ancestry back through Ruth (Matthew 1:5)**
- **The messianic family from which over a thousand years later the Messiah was born included someone who was not a Jew**

LOCATIONS

Moab & Bethlehem

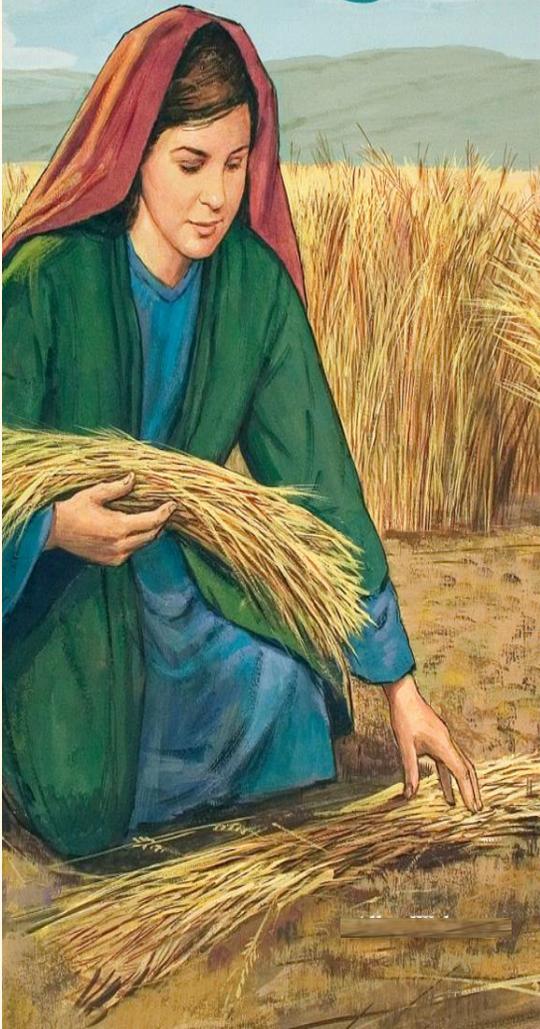
Moab is located on the eastern border of the Dead Sea about 75 miles away from Bethlehem.



Lessons We Can “Glean” from the Life of RUTH:

1. God can use anyone, regardless of their background.
2. Loyalty and faithfulness bring divine rewards.
3. Hard work and humility attract favor.
4. Trusting God leads to unexpected blessings.

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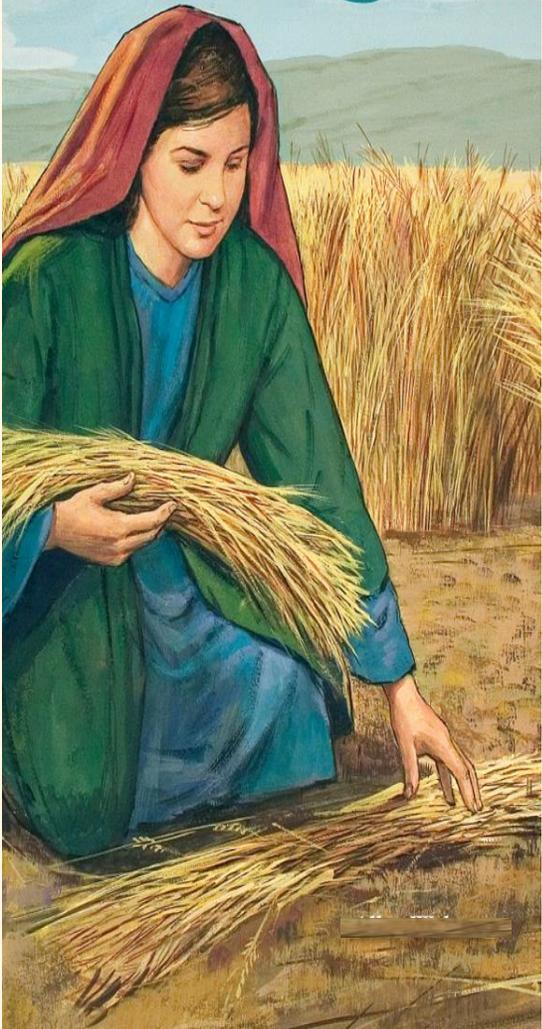


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God Can Use Anyone, Regardless of Their Background

Genesis 19:30, 34, 37 (NKJV)

³⁰ "Then Lot went up out of Zoar and dwelt in the mountains, and his two daughters were with him; for he was afraid to dwell in Zoar. And he and his two daughters dwelt in a cave.... ³⁴ It happened on the next day that the firstborn said to the younger, "Indeed I lay with my father last night; let us make him drink wine tonight also, and you go in and lie with him, that we may preserve the lineage of our father.... ³⁷ The firstborn bore a son and called his name Moab; he is the father of the Moabites to this day."



Loyalty and Faithfulness Bring Divine Rewards

Ruth 1:16 - 17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ But Ruth said:

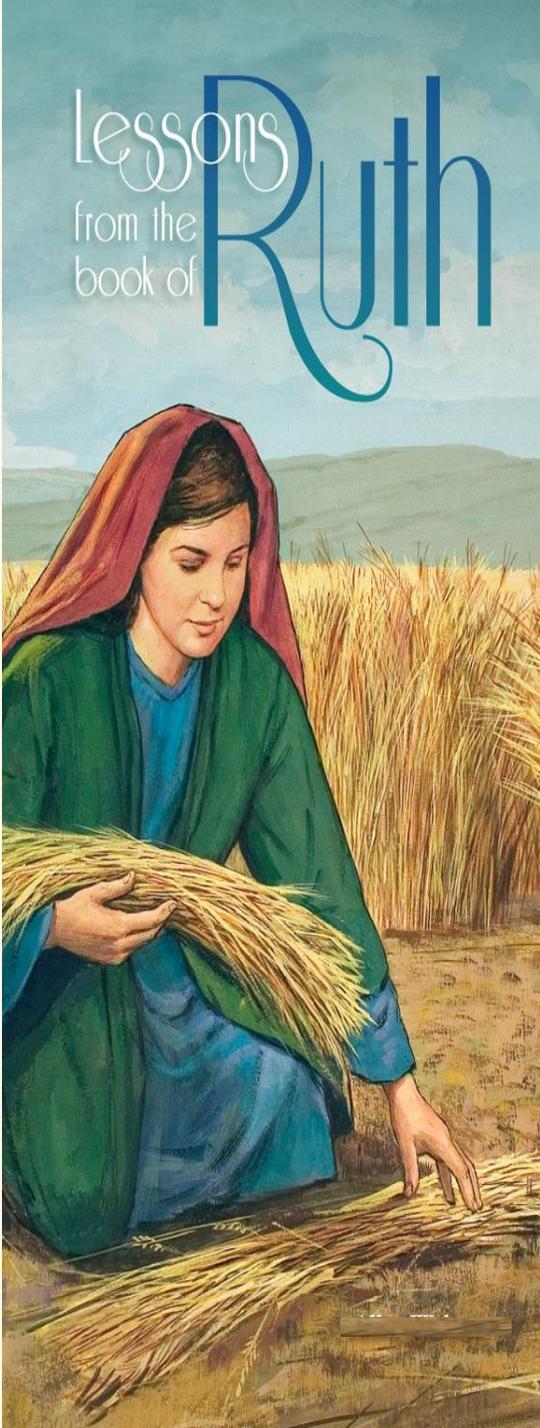
“Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God.

¹⁷ Where you die, I will die, And there will I be buried. The LORD do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts you and me.”

Loyalty and Faithfulness Bring Divine Rewards

Reference: Proverbs 3:3 - 4 (NKJV)

*Let not mercy and truth forsake you;
Bind them around your neck,
Write them on the tablet of your heart,
And so find favor and high esteem in the sight of God
and man.*



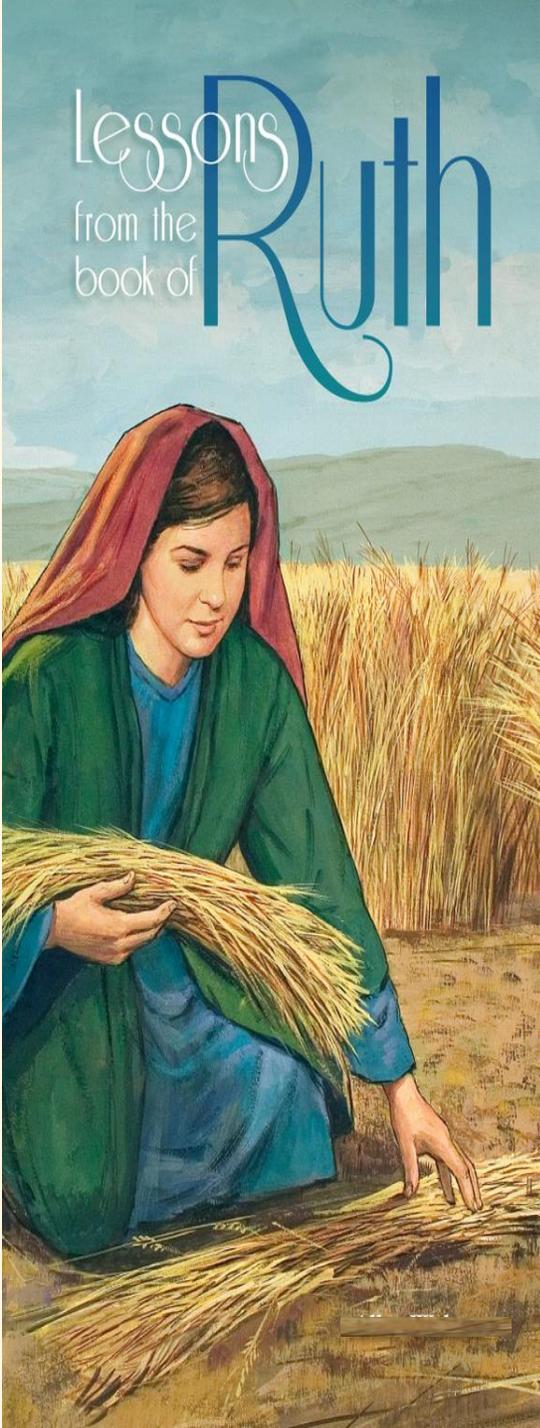
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Hard Work and Humility Attract Favor

And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, “Let me go to the field and glean heads of grain after him in whose sight I may find favor.” - Ruth 2:2

So she went out, entered a field and began to glean behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she was working in a field belonging to Boaz. - Ruth 2:3

She has been hard at work from morning till now, except for a short rest in the shelter.’ - Ruth 2:7



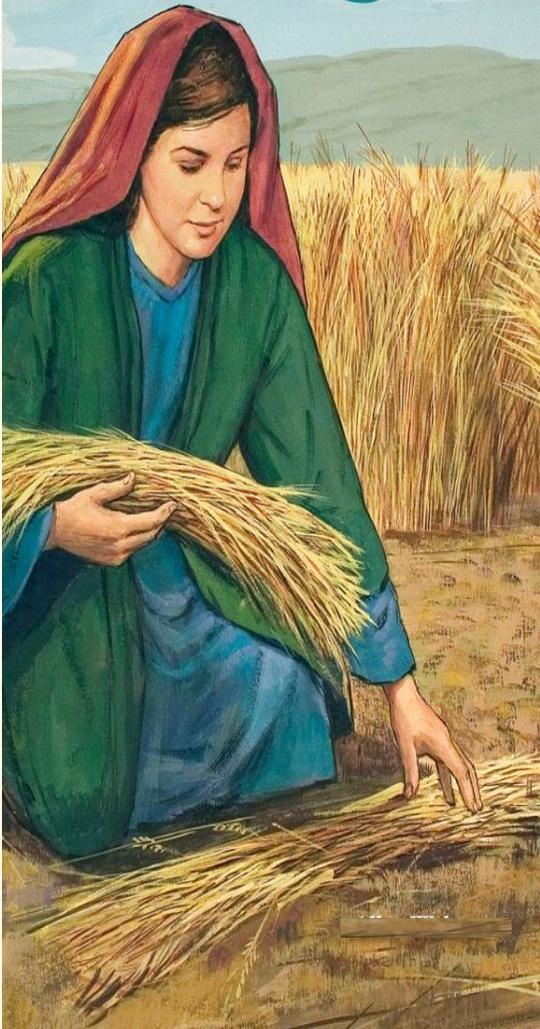
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Hard Work and Humility Attract Favor

Reference: Colossians 3:23 - 24 (NKJV)

²³ And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

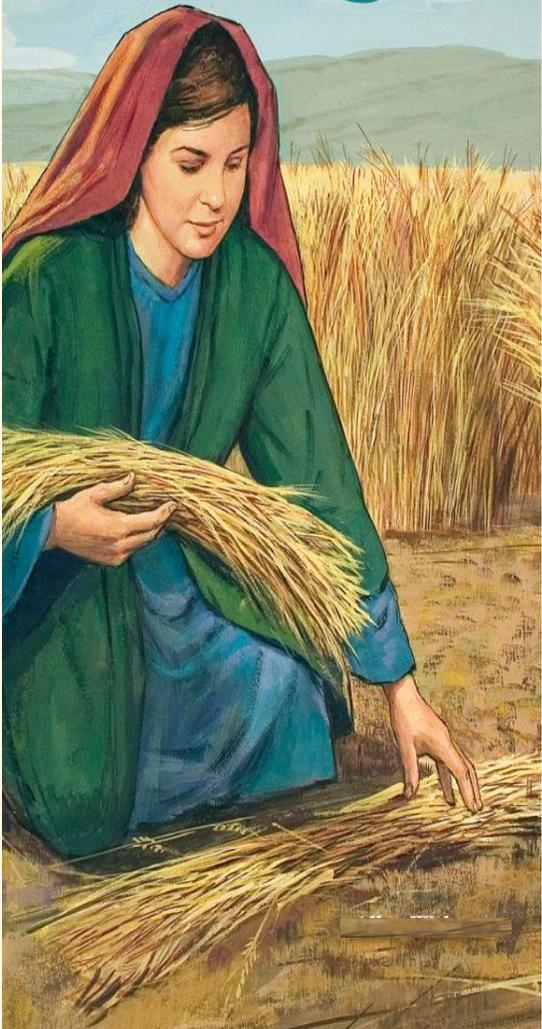


Trusting God Leads to Unexpected Blessings - Ruth 4:13, 18 - 22

13 So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife; and when he went in to her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son. And they called his name Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.....

18 Now this is the genealogy of Perez: Perez begot Hezron; 19 Hezron begot Ram, and Ram begot Amminadab; 20 Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon; 21 Salmon begot Boaz, and Boaz begot Obed; 22 Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David.

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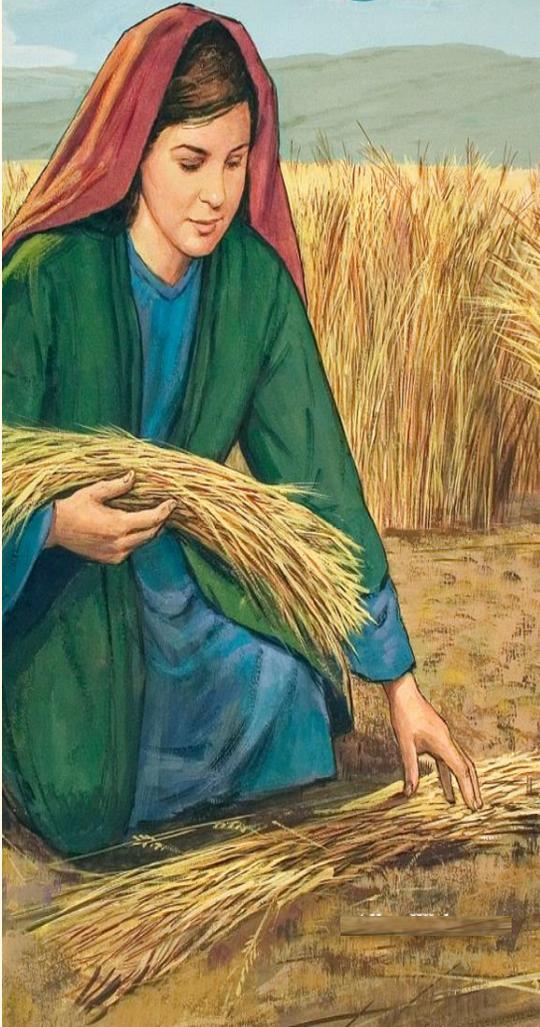
Reference: Psalm 37:3 - 5 (NKJV)

***³ Trust in the LORD, and do good;
Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.***

***⁴ Delight yourself also in the LORD,
And He shall give you the desires of your heart.***

***⁵ Commit your way to the LORD,
Trust also in Him,
And He shall bring it to pass.***

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Key Takeaways from the Life of RUTH:

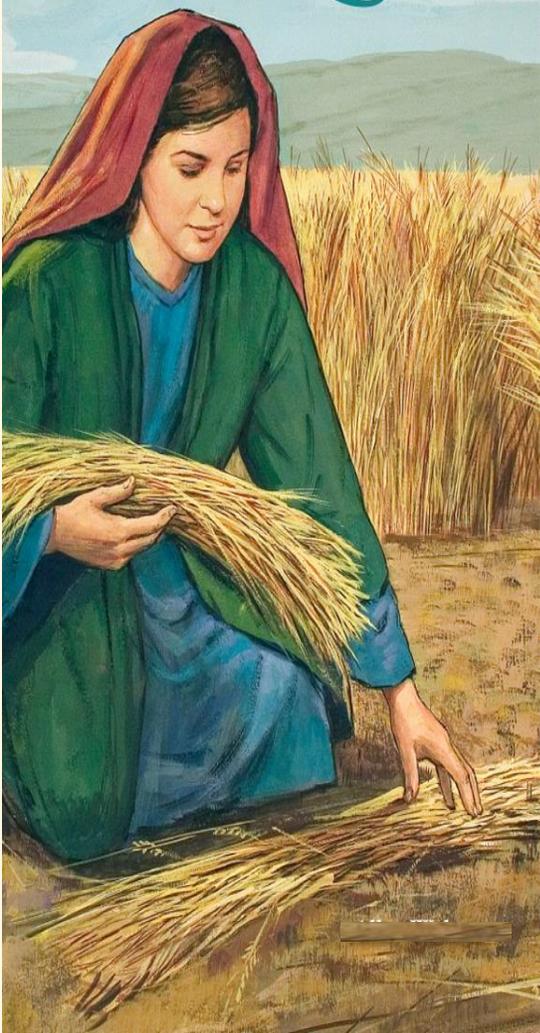
❖ Your background or your past does not disqualify you from God's plan. Even if you come from an "unlikely" place, God can still write you into His story.

❖ Faithfulness doesn't just bring temporary reward; it connects you permanently to God's eternal purpose.

❖ Humility shows us that every blessing is by grace, not merit. Pride can open doors, but humility keeps them open.

❖ Faith is not the absence of uncertainty; it is trusting God in spite of it. Faith leads to obedience, and obedience leads to abundance.

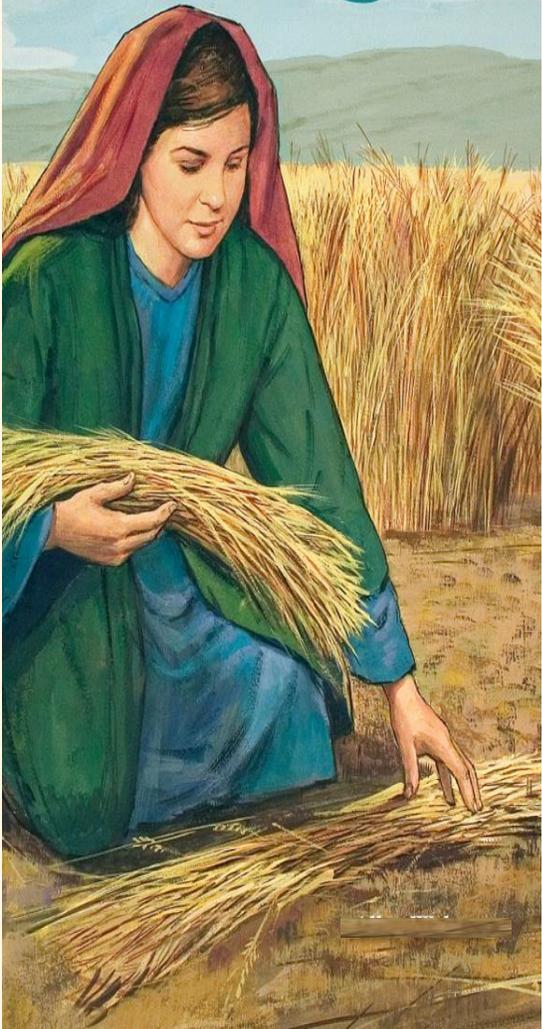
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Practical Application for Today

Truth	Ruth's Example	Application for Us
God uses outsiders.	Ruth, a Moabite, became a part of God's plan.	Don't disqualify yourself. God welcomes anyone who comes to Him.
Faith requires courage.	Ruth left her homeland for an unknown future.	Step out in faith even when the outcome isn't clear.
Faithfulness matters.	Ruth's work in the fields led her to Boaz.	Be faithful in your current season; God sees your labor.
God redeems broken stories.	Ruth's life was restored through Boaz.	God can restore what feels lost or ruined in your life.

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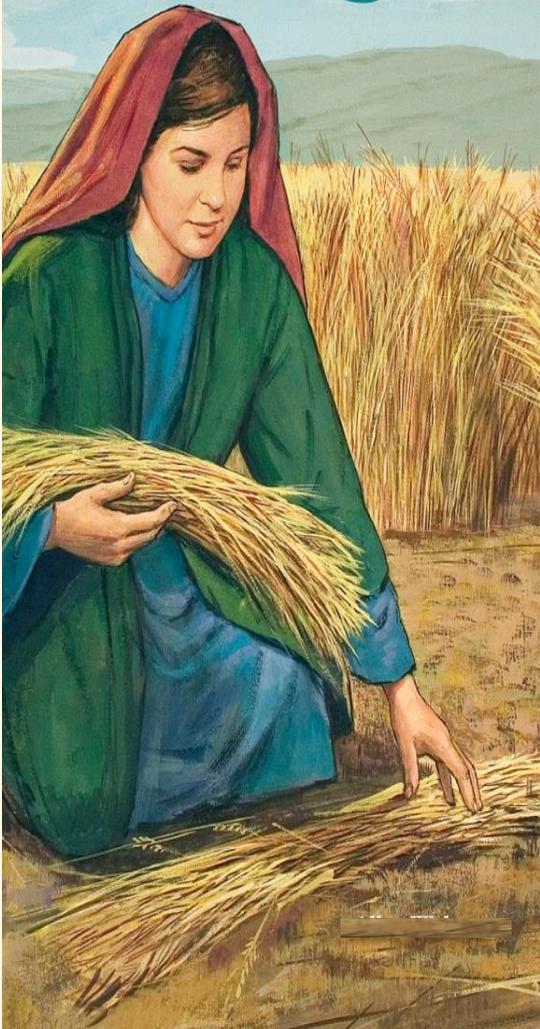


THE TRUE KINSMAN-REDEEMER

In the New Testament, Christ is often regarded as an example of a kinsman-redeemer because, as our brother (Hebrews 2:11), He also redeems us because of our great need, one that only He can satisfy.

In Ruth 3:9, we see a beautiful and poignant picture of the needy supplicant, unable to rescue herself, requesting of the kinsman-redeemer that he cover her with his protection, redeem her, and make her his wife.

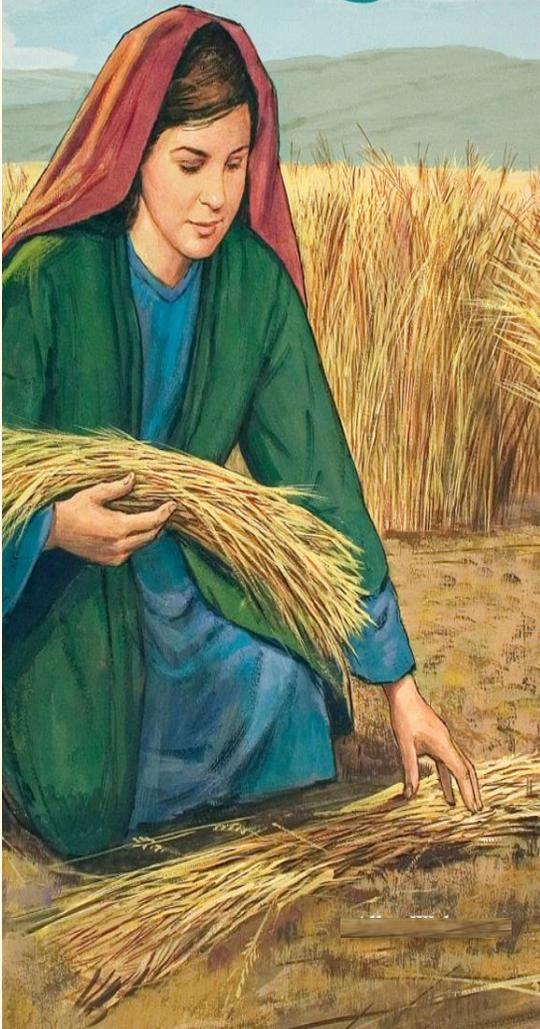
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In the same way, the Lord Jesus Christ bought us for Himself, out of the curse, out of our destitution; made us His own beloved bride; and blessed us for all generations. He is the true Kinsman-Redeemer of all who call on Him in faith.

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FORESHADOWING

Ruth shows the importance of both human and divine love. It teaches us to trust God who redeems the hardships of our past and provides for the needs of the present moment.

In Boaz, God provided Ruth a kinsman-redeemer who exchanged her bitterness for blessing and foreshadowed the redemptive work of the coming Kinsman-Redeemer, Jesus Christ.