



Ruth 2 : 8-23

Grace unmeasured



The story so far....

- Famine in the land of Judah, Elimilech takes his family to Moab in search of food.
- But Elimilech dies in Moab. Sons Mahlon and Chilion marry Moab girls – Ruth and Orpah – but the sons also die within 10 years.
- Naomi and her daughters-in-law set out for Judah, on hearing the famine is ended. Orpah turns back to Moab.
- Ruth commits to Naomi, and to her God (1:16-17).
- And they arrive back in Bethlehem...as the barley harvest was beginning (1:19-23)




1. Protection (v8-13)

- God uses Boaz to provide protection
- The protection is encompassing v8...“Stay with my girls” “Don’t go to another man’s field...no one will harm you....drink when you need to”
- Ruth’s reaction v 10 – *“Why have I found such favour in your eyes that you notice me...a foreigner?”*
- Boaz’s response – *a recognition of the character of Ruth...“May you be richly rewarded by the Lord for what you have done”*



2. Provision (v14-19)

- God's law – provision for the poor (Lev 23:22)
- Immeasurably more than Ruth could expect.
- Accepted at the meal-table – she ate all she wanted
- Accepted in the workplace, crops provided for her, worked all day
- Provision sufficient for Naomi as well
- *Phillipians 4:19*



3. Kindness, blessing, and hope (v20-23)

- Boaz – a close relative, “a kinsman-redeemer”. Lev 25:25; Deut 25:5-6
- “...has not stopped showing his kindness...” – “hesed” – a covenant love
- Eph 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,*
- Romans 8:1-4 *“Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus....”*