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**Benevolence for the Bereaved**

Ruth 2:1-17

**The Setting**

There is a near \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Ruth 2:1

Ruth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to arrive at Boaz’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Ruth 2:2-3

**REMEMBER 🡪** Coincidence is never just \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Psalm 25:5; Psalm 119:43

**2 Pictures of Goodness**

1. Ruth:

Ruth 2:5-7, 10-11

2. Boaz:

Ruth 2:4, 8-9, 12-17; Leviticus 19:9-10; Deuteronomy 24:19-20

**3 Lessons for Our Own Day**

1. Our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will always be markers of our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

Psalm 145:17; 2 Corinthians 8:9; Ephesians 4:32

2. Maturing in faith takes time, but you don’t need to wait \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to evidence \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you are.

Galatians 5:22-23; Colossians 1:10; Luke 6:44

3. Outsiders remain outsiders, unless you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them.

Luke 5:12-14; Ephesians 2:13

**Christ Connection**

As Boaz kindly welcomed an outsider like Ruth and generously provided for her, Christ welcomes us with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of his grace and gives us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that is his.

Ephesians 1:3

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Ruth 2:1-17

**The Setting**

There is a near **RELATIVE**!

Ruth 2:1

Ruth **HAPPENED** to arrive at Boaz’s **FIELD**!

Ruth 2:2-3

**REMEMBER 🡪** Coincidence is never just **COINCIDENCES**.

Psalm 25:5; Psalm 119:43

**2 Pictures of Goodness**

1. Ruth:

Ruth 2:5-7, 10-11

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Ruth 2:4, 8-9, 12-17; Leviticus 19:9-10; Deuteronomy 24:19-20

**3 Lessons for Our Own Day**

1. Our **KINDNESS** and **GENEROSITY** will always be markers of our **APPRECIATION** of Jesus.

Psalm 145:17; 2 Corinthians 8:9; Ephesians 4:32

2. Maturing in faith takes time, but you don’t need to wait **YEARS** to evidence **WHOSE** you are.

Galatians 5:22-23; Colossians 1:10; Luke 6:44

3. Outsiders remain outsiders, unless you **WELCOME** them.

Luke 5:12-14; Ephesians 2:13

**Christ Connection**

As Boaz kindly welcomed an outsider like Ruth and generously provided for her, Christ welcomes us with the **RICHNESS** of his grace and gives us **EVERYTHING** that is his.

Ephesians 1:3

**For Further Study**

(Readings and Questions for Life Groups or Personal Study)

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**Getting Started**

When has someone shown “above and beyond” kindness to you?

Why do you think others’ acts of kindness are so easy to remember?

**Digging Deeper**

Read Genesis 37:1-34. What did Joseph’s brothers do to him? Why?

Years later, after Joseph was sold off into slavery by his own brothers, God providentially raised him to be second-in-command over all of Egypt. During a time of famine, Joseph’s brothers travelled to Egypt to purchase grain, and Joseph was reunited with them. Read Genesis 50:20-21. How did Joseph respond to his brothers after being reunited with them? What does this teach you about kindness?

**Driving It Home**

On Sunday, Marttell mentioned that Boaz went above and beyond the call to help others in his day. How do the following passages encourage you to have an “above and beyond” attitude for others today?

* John 13:34-35
* Galatians 6:10
* 1 Timothy 5:8
* James 2:14-17
* Galatians 5:14
* Luke 6:27